

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-116464 CROSS-REFERENCES

- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)
- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

The Attorney General

September 10, 1975

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. T. J. McNiff

UNITED STATES HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

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DATE 3/16/81 BY SP4 ^{422,330} *Qm/K821*

Reference is made to HSC letter dated July 22, 1975, requesting materials and documents previously provided to the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC).

Enclosed for your approval and forwarding to the HSC is the original of a memorandum with enclosure which is submitted as a partial response to the above-cited request of the HSC.

It is noted that, in addition to the attached documents, material concerning the 1964 Democratic National Convention was made available to Mr. Richard Verniere, HSC Staff Member, on August 25, 1975, for review. Mr. Verniere requested the HSC be furnished with this material.

On August 21, 1975, the Deputy Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, Steven Blackhurst, advised Special Agent Paul V. Daly of this Bureau that the HSC was not to receive any material concerning the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Accordingly, those specific documents are not included with the attached.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished for your records.

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The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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September 10, 1975

**U. S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
 ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)**

**RE: REQUEST FOR ALL INFORMATION
 PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE BY
 THE FBI TO THE SENATE SELECT
 COMMITTEE (SSC)**

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**
 DATE 3/16/81 BY SP4 Jmm/Kaa

*CIA info unclassified per
 John E. Bacon 8/27/80*

Reference is made to HSC letter dated July 22, 1975, requesting that the HSC be furnished copies of all documents and materials provided by the FBI to the SSC. Pursuant to an agreement reached August 19, 1975, by representatives of this Bureau, the Department of Justice and the HSC, all such material is being made available to HSC Staff Members for review at FBI Headquarters, and copies of material so designated by these Staff Members will be processed for delivery to the HSC. *u*

On August 25, 1975, upon completion of a partial review of the material previously furnished the SSC, Richard Verniere, HSC Staff Member, requested that the HSC be furnished with documents previously given to SSC in the following categories: *u*

I. Liaison Functions; *u*

II. [REDACTED]

III. [REDACTED]

IV. Demonstration at Federal Building, Akron, Ohio

January 27, 1975;

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U. S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

**RE: REQUEST FOR ALL INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE FBI TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC)**

V. Electronic Devices;

**VI. Investigation of Ku Klux Klan and other
Hate Groups;**

VII. Suggested Name Change, Crime Records Division;

**VIII. CIA's Contact with Hoodlums Regarding
Castro Assassination;**

**IX. Foreign Support for Revolutionary Protest
Movements in the United States;**

**X. Departmental Letters Concerning Electronic
Surveillance Activities.**

In compliance with this request, attached are the
requested documents.

Enclosure

1 - The Attorney General

NOTE:

This material, which is being furnished the HSC, is material previously furnished the SSC in response to their request of 5/14/75, Appendixes C, Item 10; Appendix B, Items 13 and 14; Appendix D, Items 6 and 2; Appendix A, Item 5(d); Appendix B, Part II, Items 12 and 15. Also, a portion of the material furnished in response to the SSC 5/12/75 request, att. 6/25/75 to the 5/14/75 request, and Appendix B, Item 4(a and b). This material was among documents which were reviewed by Richard Verniere, HSC Staff Member, on 8/25/75, and following this review, he requested copies of these particular documents.

U. S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (HSC)

**RE: REQUEST FOR ALL INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE FBI TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE (SSC)**

NOTE CONTINUED:

No mention is being made in the LHM of the withheld documents concerning the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Since this was a Departmental decision, any inquiry received from HSC concerning same will be referred to the Department for response.

5-140 (Rev. 1-21-74) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

House Select Committee

Addressee: _____

☐ LTR ☒ LHM ☐ Memo ☐ Report dated 9/11/75

Caption of Document: Re HSC let dated 7/22/75 which requested all materials previously provided to SSC.

Originating Office: FBI

Delivered by: Richard J. Taylor Date: 10/2/75

Received by: Frederick Hess

Title: Research Dir.

Return this receipt to the Intelligence Division, FBI

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ATTN: Central Index

FROM:

FBI

SUBJECT: Abstract of Information Provided to Select Committees

1. HOW PROVIDED (check appropriate term. If a document was made available
for review but not transmitted, so note.)

2. DATE PROVIDED

☒ DOCUMENT ☐ BRIEFING ☐ INTERVIEW ☐ TESTIMONY ☐ OTHER

9/11/75

3. TO WHOM PROVIDED (check appropriate term; add specific names if appropriate)

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Per John E. Bacon
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DATE 3/16/81 BY SP4-Jmm/Kda4. IDENTIFICATION (provide descriptive data for documents; give name or identification number of briefer,
interviewee, testifier and subject)

Memorandum and enclosures

5. IN RESPONSE TO (list date and item number if in response to formal request, other-
wise state verbal request of (name), initiative, subpoena, etc.)

HSC letter 7/22/75

6. CLASSIFICATION OF
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7. KEY WORDS (enter the appropriate key words from the list provided separately; if key words not listed are
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IN CONNECTION WITH HOUSTUDY

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- Type or print clearly in ink.
- Indicate classification of the abstract top and bottom.
- Date the abstract and put on any internal control numbers required.
- "FROM" entry should clearly identify the organization providing the information.
- If additions (as when a copy of document sent to SSC is later sent to HSC) or changes to a previously submitted form are necessary, submit a copy of the original abstract, with the change indicated.

SPECIFIC ITEM NO. 8. SUMMARY - enter brief narrative statement describing substance of information and showing relationship to Intelligence Community matters if appropriate. Any feedback or evidence of investigatory interests should be noted. Commitments made to supply additional information should be noted. Additionally, certain administrative information may be entered here, e.g., restrictions on review of a document, if document was paraphrased, whether interviewee is current or former employee, etc. If actual document or transcript is provided, that fact should be noted and no summary is required. Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

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The Attorney General U.S. HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTVS (HSC)

K.Y.

ReHSClet 7/22/75 req'ng materials & documnts previously provided SSC. Enclsd for ur aprvl & forwrd to HSC is orig of memo w/enclsr sbmtd as partial respns to abv-cited req of HSC. It noted that material cnrng 1964 Democratic Natnal Convntn made avail to Richard Vermiere, HSC, 8/25/75, for revw. He req'd furnshng this material. On 8/31/75, Deputy Specl Counsl for Intel Coordntn advsd Bu not to give material, & not included. CC for u.

VIII. CIA'S CONTACT WITH HOODLUMS REGARDING
CASTRO ASSASSINATION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 3/16/81 BY SP4-gm/KDw #22,330

CIA Info unclassified per
John E. Bacon 8/27/80

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
FOOTE IN
Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 6, 1967

FROM : W. R. Wannall

*CIA info unclassified per
John E. Bacon 8/27/80*

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED *FOIA 22, 210*
DATE 3/2/81 BY SP4 Jm/K

In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows:

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio.

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Maheu any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General.

On 5/9/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been

Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
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hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with John Roselli (Maheu's link with Giancana) had continued up until that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

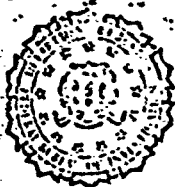
It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction.

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General.

*The Attorney General
asked for this information
on Friday, 2/3/67.
✓ [Signature]*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 22, 1961

ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.

On May 3, 1961, Colonel Sheffield Edwards,
Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
furnished the following information.

Colonel Edwards advised that in connection with CIA's operation against Castro he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cut-out" in contacts with Sam Giancana, a known hoodlum in the Chicago area. Colonel Edwards said that since the underworld controlled gambling activities in Cuba under the Batista government, it was assumed that this element would still continue to have sources and contacts in Cuba which perhaps could be utilized successfully in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against the Castro government. As a result, Maheu's services were solicited as a "cut-out" because of his possible entree into underworld circles. Maheu obtained Sam Giancana's assistance in this regard and according to Edwards, Giancana gave every indication of cooperating through Maheu in attempting to accomplish several clandestine efforts in Cuba. Edwards added that none of Giancana's efforts have materialized to date and that several of the plans still are working and may eventually "pay off."

Colonel Edwards related that he had no direct contact with Giancana; that Giancana's activities were completely "back stopped" by Maheu and that Maheu would frequently report Giancana's action and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were ever reported to Edwards. Colonel Edwards said that since this is "dirty business" he could not afford to have knowledge of the actions of Maheu and Giancana in pursuit of any mission for CIA. Colonel Edwards added that he has neither given Maheu any instruction to use technical installations of any type nor has the subject of technical installations ever come up between Edwards and Maheu in connection with Giancana's activity.

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CIA Info declassified for
John E. Bacon 8/27/80

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Colonel Edwards related that Maheu did come to him concerning the arrest in Las Vegas of Balletti for "wire tapping." Maheu cautioned Edwards that the Balletti arrest could cause CIA some embarrassment since Balletti was in Las Vegas attempting to obtain coverage on some "Hollywood people" in connection with Giancana's efforts for CIA. Edwards said that he did not know the facts of the Balletti case and Maheu claims "Balletti went too far" in his efforts to obtain information. Edwards added that he was unaware of any reason for this activity of Maheu or Giancana in Las Vegas and that Giancana's activity in furtherance of the anti-Castro activity was left completely in Maheu's hands.

Colonel Edwards advised that only Mr. Bissell (Deputy Director of Plans, CIA) and two others in CIA were aware of the Giancana - Maheu activity in behalf of CIA's program and that Allen Dulles was completely unaware of Edwards' contact with Maheu in this connection. He added that Mr. Bissell, during his recent briefings of General Taylor and the Attorney General in connection with their inquiries into CIA relating to the Cuban situation, told the Attorney General that some of CIA's associated planning included the use of Giancana and the underworld against Castro.

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The Attorney General

March 6, 1967

Director, FBI

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

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ON 3/2/81 70 FRS 22,330
CIA Info Declassed per
John E. Bacon 8/12/80

Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis.

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur Joseph Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Sam Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Mahou, a private detective, was involved. Mahou during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Mahou said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Mahou stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961 which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Mahou in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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The Attorney General

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information.

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Mahou during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Mahou as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Mahou, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Mahou or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Ballotti.

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Mahou had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Mahou in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Mahou. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Mahou and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Mahou for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1962, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Rosolli (referred to above as Mahou's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Rosolli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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The Attorney General

established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1960, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis.

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Sought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

**FILE NUMBER: 105-212749 CROSS-
REFERENCES**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/11/71

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (105-New) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO INVADE HAITI
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(OO: MIAMI)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM. Two copies of this LHM are being designated for Miami.

The source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is

It should be pointed out that the enclosed LHM which contains

reveals information that the Tampa Division is not in a position to properly evaluate. It would appear that the Miami Division would be in a position to more properly assess the information, and so this is the reason the LHM is being directed to that office.

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does not want to be compromised with respect to any investigation that is conducted as a result of the material in this letter.

Tampa is conducting no inquiry in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Tampa, Florida

March 11, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

ALLEGED PLOT TO INVADE HAITI

670 { On [REDACTED] a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had recently observed [REDACTED] and related newspaper clippings in the person of Donald Starr, a former reporter for the "St. Petersburg Times," a daily St. Petersburg, Florida, newspaper:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Carson Sergeant Reveals Part in Cuban Gun-Runs

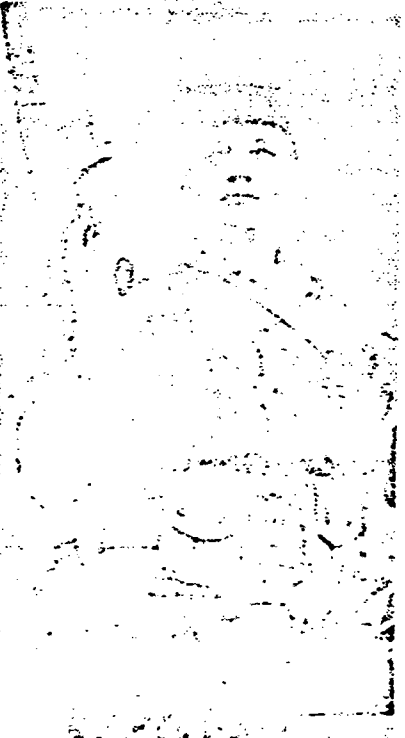
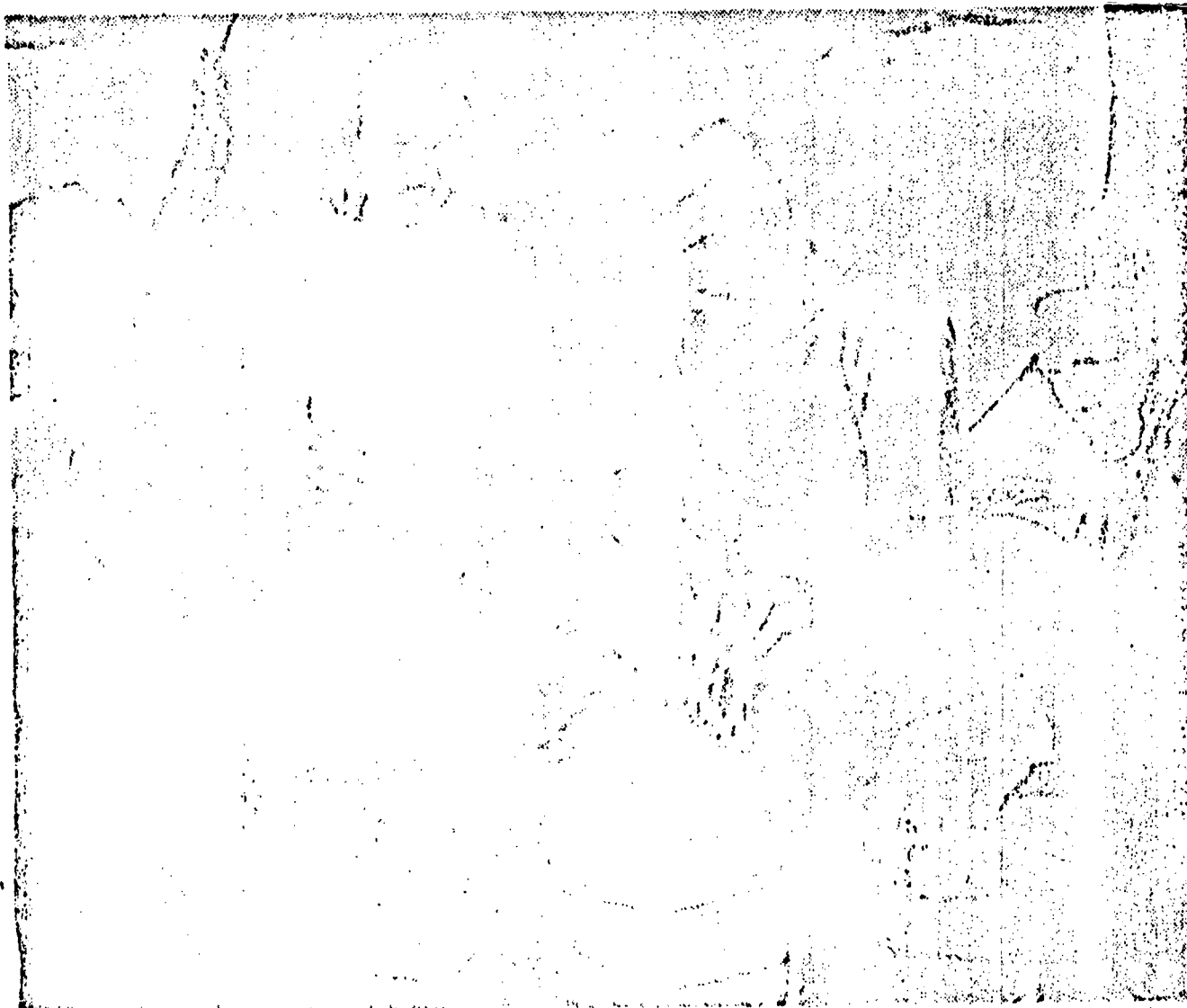


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REVOLUTIONARY — Sgt. Edward I. Arthur, now stationed at Ft. Carson, as he looked while training Cuban revolutionary fighters on a British island in the Caribbean in 1964. The weapon is a Swedish Fall submachinegun.



THE BOMB — Cuban revolutionaries working on the magnetic bomb they later used to blow up

the Russian ship "Baku" off the coast of Cuba March 27, 1963. Most of these men, members of

Photo Special to The SUN
"Commandos L," are now dead, killed in later actions on the Cuban mainland.

By MIKE WALES

Assistant City Editor
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A twice-wounded Vietnam veteran stationed at Ft. Carson has revealed he spent six years as an intelligence liaison officer with a Cuban revolutionary group in Florida; ran guns from California to Miami for them; assisted in the defection of a Haitian consul-general and trained Cuban rebels in the Florida swamps.

After a SUN reporter unearthed the facts in a two-month investigation, Sgt. Edward I. Arthur, an instructor at Ft. Carson's Recondo (ranger) school, admitted to The SUN in an exclusive interview that in 1964 he picked up guns in Orange County, Calif., that were donated to the Cuban rebel movement by ex-Minutemen. Arthur said he later delivered them to Cubans in Miami, who then smuggled some of them on to the Cuban mainland where they were used in hit and run raids against Castro's army.

"I hauled over two tons of automatic weapons, including a Swedish 20mm Lahiti cannon and 100 rounds of armor-piercing ammo, right through the South during the worst days of the civil rights movement down there," he said.

The Ft. Carson soldier said he first went to Cuba in 1954 on a visit, then later returned in 1955 when Fidel Castro made his first landing attempt. "They were all killed but about 16," he said. He said everybody in Cuba was caught up in the spirit of the revolution, admitting, "I went down there originally to fight with Castro against Batista . . . I was like a lot of people in Florida who supported that slob (Castro) and got burned."

Later, in 1958, Arthur again returned to Cuba. That was the year Castro came out of the mountains with his bearded, ragged band and captured the interest of the world. He captured Ed Arthur's interest too, and it wasn't until 1960, the year the Cuban revolutionary took over, that Arthur became disenchanted with the bearded leader. "When he proclaimed himself a Communist that did it," Arthur said.

Since 1960 the Ft. Carson soldier has been an implacable foe of the bearded, cigar-smoking Castro, working closely with a Florida-based Cuban rebel group calling themselves "Commandos L" and staging hit and run raids into Cuba.

It was elements of this group that blasted the Russian ship "Baku" out of the water March 27, 1963, using a magnetic bomb built in Florida from parts smuggled across the country from half a dozen sources. Though Arthur may have played a large role in blowing up the Baku he isn't admitting it.

One thing is immediately evident in any conversation with the Ft. Carson instructor: He feels strongly about the Cubans' plight. He said he has long felt the Cuban problem is being handled badly and questions the wisdom of fighting a war against Communism (9,000 miles away (Vietnam) when the United States is standing under the threat of a Communist-controlled country, 90 miles from its southern shores.

"I was trying to tell people in 1963 that the Russians were building submarine pens in Cuba but no one would listen," he said, pointing out that now the U.S. government has belatedly recognized the possible danger in the pens and has publicly admitted they exist.

Recently, Newsweek published a story revealing the existence of the pens.

Arthur, whose contacts with the Florida-based Cuban rebels are as solid as they were in 1964, insists there are still Russian-made missile bases in Cuba and that they are manned by Russian technologists. "Some of the rebels who have penetrated the Cuban mainland have seen these bases," Arthur said.

He also revealed that at least two platoons of Cuban rebels recently departed Florida and are now operating near Matanza, inside Cuba.

The Ft. Carson soldier is an intensely patriotic man who feels deeply the threat to the U.S. inherent in Castro and his regime. He stated flatly that although he had once been offered a means of financing a full-scale invasion of the Cuban mainland he turned it down because "it would have embarrassed the United States and that is not my intention. I would rather arouse the public in this country to the danger down there than put the country into a position where it would have to become involved in spite of itself."

He sees the Cubans in America as an embattled people who were invited here by the government, then virtually abandoned. "All these people ever have wanted was a chance to fight their way back into their homeland," Arthur said.

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TEST FIRING — Members of "Commandos L," a Cuban revolutionary group, test fire smuggled weapons on an island

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in the Caribbean. The weapons are representative of several countries.

Rebel Training

Sergeant Reveals Part in Cuban Gun-Running

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"Our main goal is to fight against tyranny, terrorism and dictatorship."

In 1963 Arthur said he and his group thought they had found a way. Dr. Clemente Benoit, Haitian consul general to the Bahamas Islands, suddenly defected to the United States, assisted by Commandos L and Ed Arthur, who acted as Benoit's aide, but was actually his bodyguard. "We wanted the narrow peninsula laying on the Windward Passage just 25 miles from the Cuban mainland and one from Gen. Claire Chennault, we saw Dr. Benoit as the poss-

ible key," Arthur said. The letter was signed by Dr. Benoit Sept. 12, 1963, in the Bahamas. Arthur has another interesting letter in his possession, this one from Gen. Claire Chennault, in which he discussed the possibility of joining Arthur's group in an invasion of Cuba.

The Ft. Carson soldier explained the Benoit defection this way: "He (Benoit) defected from the government in Haiti. In August of 1964, Arthur left and in doing so, wanted to enter Florida driving an Oldsmobile in the United States. My function, touring car. Arriving in Los Angeles, he traded the car for the Bahamas and protect the man's life from the Ton-Ton pickup truck then drove it to Macoutes (Haitian president Dr. Francois Duvalier's infamous squad). They (The Macoutes) had landed some people in the rounds of armor-piercing ammunition. Bahamas and I was called in to get Benoit into the U.S. in one piece, which I did."

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Ohio, where he stored it in a garage. "The whole operation Cuban exiles and the Haitian was arranged by Commandos exiles — to overthrow both gov- L," he said. "We were convinced" It is at this point that Arthur's that the Kennedys and Johnson story becomes mysterious and — the Kennedy administration — he doesn't talk about what would do nothing against Fidel Castro. So the exiles took it upon themselves . . . to get out of U.S. territory, which would eliminate any CIA interference or from any other agency. I discovered all this after I got back to the U.S. in early October. When asked what he was doing in Europe he said simply, "Taking pictures behind the Iron Curtain."

History has recorded the fact that the attempted invasion of Haiti by Haitian exiles failed, but Arthur is convinced there'll be another attempt. In a letter to Arthur from Dr. Benoit the Haitian writes: "This is to certify that the Parti Revolutionnaire Haitian in exile, which represents more than 3,000 Haitian refugees, has officially joined forces with Americans under the command of Eddie Arthur."

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After returning to the U.S., Arthur proceeded to St. Louis, Mo. where he met with ex-members of the Minutemen and picked up another load of weapons. Included were a number of automatic weapons such as a 50 cal. machinegun, a 308 cal. machinegun and a 30 cal. machinegun. Quite a number of M1 Army rifles and Colt .45s as well as a 9 mm. Browning Automatic rifle were include in this load. These were also boxed and labeled as "surveying equipment."

A receipt signed by Pedro Muina, civilian coordinator of Commandos L and Oscar C. de Fuya Jr. director, is still in existence and lists every weapon in his clandestine load.

Arthur left Columbus, Ohio, in November 1964 with his load of weapons, driving through most of the southern states on his way to Florida. In Mississippi he ran into a roadblock manned by 10 state troopers, who asked him what he was carrying. "I told them I had surveying equipment on the truck and was taking it to a construction company in Florida," Arthur said, adding ruefully, "This was during the Selma, Ala., race thing and I was thinking how funny it was that these troopers were out there on the highway trying to keep suspicious people away from Selma and here they let me pass right through with enough explosives in my truck to blow the town up."

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He was stopped again just inside Florida and this time the troopers looked in the back of the truck but let him go on. The Cuban thing is strictly something the exiles are involved in. Quite a few Americans are involved in it too."

Today Ed Arthur lives quietly in a Colorado Springs suburb and trains men at the Ft. Carson Reconado School in the techniques of ranger warfare. There is probably no one at Ft. Carson with better qualifications. As he says: "I have been the route."

A book, being written by Cleveland, Ohio, author Ulf Goebel, will, according to Arthur, be published within the next three months and will chronicle the Ft. Carson soldier's life and experiences in detail. In a telephone interview with Goebel, The SUN was told, "This book is going to come as a surprise to a lot of people in this country who think what happened, and has been happening, in Florida with the Cuban thing is strictly something the exiles are involved in. Quite a few Americans are involved in it too."

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CIA Tried To Murder Castro

By JACK ANDERSON

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WASHINGTON — Locked in the darkest recesses of the Central Intelligence Agency is the story of six assassination attempts against Cuba's Fidel Castro.

For 10 years, only a few key people have known the terrible secret. They have sworn never to talk. Yet we have learned the details from sources whose credentials are beyond question.

The plot to knock off Castro began as part of the Bay of Pigs operation. The intent was to eliminate the Cuban Dictator before the motely invaders landed on the island. Their arrival was expected to touch off a general uprising, which the communist militia would have had more trouble putting down without the charismatic Castro to lead them.

After the first attempt failed, five more assassination teams were sent to Cuba. The last team reportedly made it to a rooftop within shooting distance of Castro before members were apprehended. This happened around the last of February or first of March, 1963.

Nine months later, President Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald, a fanatic who previously had agitated for Castro in New Orleans and had made a mysterious trip to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

Among those privy to the CIA conspiracy, there is still a nagging suspicion — unsupported by the Warren Commission's findings — that

Castro became aware of the U.S. plot upon his life and somehow recruited Oswald to retaliate against President Kennedy.

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To set up the Castro assassination, the CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent with shadowy contacts, who had handled other undercover assignments for the CIA out of his Washington public relations office. He later moved to Las Vegas to head up billionaire Howard Hughes's Nevada operations.

Maheu recruited John Roselli, a ruggedly handsome gambler with contacts in both the American and Cuban underworlds, to arrange the assassination. The dapper, hawk-faced Roselli, formerly married to movie actress June Lang, was a power in the movie industry until his conviction with racketeer Willie Bioff in a million-dollar Hollywood labor shakedown.

The CIA assigned two of its most trusted operatives, William Harvey and James "Big Jim" O'Connell, to the hush-hush murder mission. Using phony names, they accompanied Roselli on trips to Miami to line up the assassination teams.

The full story reads like the script of a James Bond movie, complete with secret trysts at glittering Miami Beach hotels and midnight powerboat dashes to secret landing spots on the Cuban coast. Once, Roselli's boat was shot out from under him.

For the first try, the CIA furnished Roselli with special poison capsules to slip into Castro's food. The poison was

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Did Castro Get Oswald To Kill JFK in Revenge?

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supposed to take three days to act. By the time Castro died, his system would throw off all traces of the poison, so he would appear to be the victim of a natural if mysterious ailment.

Roselli arranged with a Cuban, related to one of Castro's chefs, to plant the deadly pellets in the dictator's food. On March 13, 1961, Roselli delivered the capsules to his contact at Miami Beach's glamorous Fontainebleau Hotel.

A couple weeks later, just about the right time for the plot to have been carried out, a report out of Havana said Castro was ill. But he recovered before the Bay of Pigs invasion on April 17, 1961.

The Cuban who had sneaked the poison into Havana was never seen again. The CIA, unsure whether the plotters had failed or the poison simply hadn't been strong enough, decided to try again with a more powerful dose. Roselli arranged for triple-strength capsules to be slipped into Castro's food several weeks after the Bay of Pigs. But once again, the plot failed and the conspirators disappeared.

Four more attempts were made on Castro's life, using Cuban assassination teams equipped with high-powered rifles, explosive and two-way radios. At intervals in the dark of night, Roselli personally delivered the teams in twin powerboats to the Cuban shores.

Once, a Cuban patrol boat sank Roselli's boat with a lucky shot but the occupants were quickly fished out of the murky water by the other boat. The assassination teams never got a shot at Castro, although the last group reached a rooftop within range. No doubt most of the infiltrators were picked up and tortured terribly.

Roselli, Harvey, O'Connell and company had taken precautions, however, to make sure not even the

Cuban recruits knew the CIA was behind the plot. Roselli posed as a representative of big oil interests which sought revenge against Castro expropriating their holdings in Cuba. The weapons and other equipment were of foreign make, mostly Belgian, to prevent any link to the U.S.

All the equipment, including the two powerboats, were purchased out of Roselli's own pocket. The CIA paid only the expenses of its two agents Harvey and O'Connell.

The principals in the CIA conspiracy, sworn to deep secrecy, refused to comment on the caper. We got an admission out of Maheu only that he had handled special jobs for the CIA, but he refused to discuss them. Roselli responded with a flat "no comment."

My associate Les Whitten located Harvey, who left the CIA about two years ago, in Indianapolis. Asked about Roselli, Harvey said he had a high regard for him. Whitten then questioned Harvey about Roselli's daring work.

"This is a long story," replied the former CIA man, "I don't think it ought to be printed." Thereafter, he refused to acknowledge even that he had been a CIA operative.

We got an admission from "Big Jim" O'Connell, who is still with the CIA, that he had met Roselli through Maheu. But when we asked about Roselli's CIA mission, O'Connell also clammed up.

Finally we spoke to John McCone, who headed the CIA at the time of the assassination attempts. He acknowledged the idea had been discussed inside the CIA but insisted it had been "rejected immediately." He vigorously denied that the CIA had ever participated in any plot on Castro's life. Asked whether the attempts could have been made without his knowledge, he replied: "It could not have happened."

We have complete confidence, however, in our sources.

Cuban Exile Group Involved in Ploy?

By MIKE WALES

Assistant City Editor

The Jack Anderson column elsewhere on this page poses some questions. The SUN, in its recent investigation of ex-Cuban revolutionary Edward I. Arthur, an instructor at the Recendo School at Ft. Carson, may have found the answers.

The Anderson column mentions a number of assassination team attempts on the life of Fidel Castro in the early 1960s. During its investigation of Arthur, The SUN discovered through a number of Florida contacts that a Cuban exile group, the International Brigade, furnished the manpower for these aborted assassination attempts.

And, according to Rick Townly, an investigative reporter for Channel 7 television in Miami, Arthur received an invitation to a meet in the home of a highly-placed member of the

Mafia in 1963. Arthur reportedly visited the home, a \$200,000 mansion belonging to Mafia don Sam Giancana, where a number of Cubans and Italians were gathered. According to a statement made by James Buchanan of the Pompano Beach Sun-Sentinel, shortly after the 1963 meet, Giancana had offered Arthur a large sum of money to arrange the assassination of "that man in Cuba."

Arthur told Buchanan he refused the offer and walked out. It is highly probable, according to Buchanan, that one of the men at the meeting was John Roselli, named in the Anderson column as the ringleader in the Castro assassination attempts.

According to Townly and at least one other Florida source, the go-between who handled the details set-

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tiling up the several assassination attempts of Castro was a private detective who, at that time, was seen a number of times in the company of New Orleans crime boss Carlos Marcelo, and makes his headquarters in both Miami and New Orleans. Described as a "deadly man who carries a pearl-handled .38," the mysterious private eye was also on the scene when defecting Haitian counsel-general Clemente Beniot landed in Florida, escorted by Arthur, who was riding "shotgun" on the defector to protect him from Haitian Ton-Ton Macoutes (secret police), who, according to a statement made by Arthur at that time, were "attempting to do a job (murder)" on Beniot.

Arthur refused over the weekend to either comment on the Anderson column or answer further questions put by a SUN reporter.

Another figure who may have played a role in the assassination attempts is Frank Farini, who was active with the International Brigade at that time, a Florida source told The SUN.

Farini operated an import-export business in Havana in 1956, a business he abandoned to join Castro in the Escambrá.

Meanwhile Arthur had surfaced in Havana that same year and met soldier-of-fortune "Morgan (the only name he went by)" there. The two men left Havana and proceeded to Santa Lucia on the northwest end of the island, then wandered around Cuba for several weeks until Morgan suddenly left Arthur and went to join Castro.

Arthur's next appearance was in Florida where he was seen often around Miami Beach, Hollywood, and St. Petersburg. His fellow Americans, Farini and Morgan, were not so lucky. In 1959 Castro's brother, Raul, murdered Morgan when it was discovered he was part of a plot to assassinate the bearded leader. Morgan had reportedly become disenchanted with Castro after he announced for communism. Farini was tossed into prison by Castro and, in an operation that would be the envy of Agent 007, he

escaped in a plane and flew to freedom in the U.S. mainland. He reportedly lives in Miami, possibly biding his time until the next Cuban invasion.

And he may be sooner than anyone realizes. According to information from The SUN, an invasion scheduled for next year calls for an attack on the island upon the Cuban mainland within the next two years.

That is what Giancana and Marcello surfaced in the Florida cloak-and-dagger games involving Castro. Cuban exiles is not surprising. Giancana has held an IOU from Castro since the days of his takeover. He reportedly gave him a \$1 million bribe to allow them to continue their usual in Havana, where they and family notables as "Lucy" operated swank nightclubs and high-rolling gambling dens. Instead of honoring the bribe, Castro had the arrest of several top officials, incarcerated them and then took them out of the country, taking their gambling joints and

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For the information of Tampa, Arthur is a soldier of fortune [REDACTED]

In the mid-1960s he was deeply involved with various anti-Castro and anti-Duvalier efforts and entertained ideas of military invasions of Haiti and Cuba to overthrow the existing governments. Arthur's motives appeared to be largely self-serving and it is clear he attempted to realize monetary gain from these efforts.

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SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Castro Stalker Worked for the CIA

By Jack Anderson

The mystery man whom the Central Intelligence Agency recruited to assassinate Cuba's Fidel Castro has been laid up in the sick ward of the Los Angeles County jail.

He is handsome, hawk-faced John Roselli, once a dashing figure around Hollywood and Las Vegas, now a gray, 66-year-old inmate with a respiratory ailment.

Confidential FBI files identify him as "a top Mafia figure" who watched over "the concealed interests in Las Vegas casinos of the Chicago underworld."

Roselli has admitted to friends that he was a rum runner during the Roaring Twenties. Operating along the East Coast, he learned how to evade Coast Guard cutters and police patrols.

His name later became linked with the biggest names in the Chicago and Los Angeles underworlds. He also developed contacts in the Cuban underworld before Castro took over the Havana gambling casinos.

He had the right background for a hush-hush mission that the CIA was planning in 1961. As part of the Bay of Pigs invasion, the CIA hoped to knock off Castro and leave Cuba leaderless.

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Roselli was recruited for the job by ROBERT Maheu, a former FBI agent, who admitted to us that he had handled undercover assignments for the CIA. He refused, however, to discuss the details. This is the same Maheu, incidentally, who is now involved in a legal battle over phantom billionaire Howard Hughes' Nevada operations.

Roselli was so flattered over being asked to perform a secret mission for the U.S. government that he paid all his expenses out of his own pocket and risked his neck to land the assassination teams on the Cuban coast.

In James Bond fashion, he held whispered meetings in Miami Beach hotels with Cubans willing to make an attempt on Castro's life. Once, he called on Chicago racket boss Sam Giancana to line up a contact. The confidential files report that Giancana had "gambling interest and an interest in the shrimp business in Cuba." However, the Chicago gangster took no direct part in the assassination plot.

Roselli made midnight dashes to Cuba with his hired assassins in twin powerboats. Once a Cuban patrol ship turned its guns on his darkened boat, tore a hole in the bottom and sank the boat. Roselli was fished out of the water by the other boat, which escaped into the shadows.

In earlier columns, we reported how the CIA furnished Roselli with deadly poison capsules which he tried through a relative of Castro's chef to plant in the dictator's food. Later, marksmen armed with high-powered Belgian rifles attempted to infiltrate close enough to gun Castro down.

All told, six assassination attempts were made, the last in the spring of 1963. Throughout this period, Roselli worked under the direct supervision of two secret CIA agents, William Harvey and James (Big Jim) O'Connell.

Roselli's Reward

The FBI which got wind of the assassination plot, has tried to pump Roselli for information. But he was sworn to silence by the CIA, and up to this moment, he hasn't broken it.

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Meanwhile, the Justice Department, as part of its crack-down on organized crime, tried to nail Roselli. The FBI discovered that his Chicago birth records had been forged, that his name was really Filippo Sacco and that he had come to this country from Italy as a child. He was convicted for failing to register as an alien.

He was also convicted for conspiracy to rig card games at Los Angeles' exclusive Friar's Club.

Of Roselli's two CIA associates, Harvey has now retired to Indianapolis and O'Connell

is still on the CIA payroll. Both admitted to us a friendship with Roselli but refused to discuss their CIA activities. Harvey said he had a "high regard" for Roselli and called the Friar's Club case a "bum rap." Said Harvey: "The Friar's Club indictment is phony. Roselli had no more to do with that than I had."

Roselli's lawyers are now trying to get clemency for their client, citing our stories about his secret CIA service.

Firearms Fiasco

Under pressure from the firearms lobby, the Treasury Department has failed to enforce a vital section of the 1968 federal firearms act.

The law was passed after the murders of Sen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. It authorizes the Treasury Secretary to require full reports of all firearms and ammunition sales.

For the two years that the law has been in force, the Treasury Department has ignored this key provision. The gun industry has complained it would be a bookkeeping nightmare.

The federal government, which would have to compile all the sales data, has also been reluctant to spend the \$100 million it would cost for computers and staff to maintain the firearms files.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

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The Attorney General

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SAMUEL M. GIANCANA

Samuel M. Giancana, Chicago racketeer, and his current romantic interest, Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire singing trio, were interviewed separately at O'Hare International Airport by Agents of our Chicago Office on July 12, 1961. Our Agents had been forewarned with a grand jury subpoena for Miss McGuire. However, in view of her apparent cooperative attitude, the subpoena was not served pending verification of the information she provided.

Miss McGuire advised she has known Giancana for the past two years. She did not know the source of his income but had been told by Giancana that he was a retired bookmaker. She admitted receiving approximately \$5,000 in gifts from Giancana. However, she claims a 1961 Cadillac she recently obtained was paid for by herself, although all arrangements for receipt of this automobile were handled by Giancana. She denied being married or contemplating marriage to Giancana.

Giancana was exceptionally belligerent and abusive during the interview by our Agents and frequently used obscene words in describing authorities who he believed were responsible for the investigation of him. He was extremely bitter regarding what he terms "persecution of the Italians" and said "he wasn't going to take this laying down," and "I am going to light a fire under you guys." Giancana also told interviewing Agents "now you can tell your superchief you talked to me and he can tell the super superchief all about it." When queried as to whom he was referring to by the term super superchief, he replied "the Kennedys, who else." Throughout the interview Giancana was extremely uncooperative and declined to furnish any information regarding his activities.

Following completion of the McGuire and Giancana interviews and upon meeting each other again, Giancana, directing a remark to Miss McGuire, said "I told them to go to hell, why didn't you so we could get out of here." Whereupon Miss McGuire, commenting to our Agents, stated "I just want you to know that I am not like him, I am a lady."

NOTE: See CG teletypes to Director 7/12 and 7/13/61.

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The Attorney General

The consensus of the Agents participating in the above interview of Giancana was that Giancana was nervous, extremely shaken, appeared to exhibit psychotic tendencies and would explode with little or no provocation. u

The above is being furnished for your information. u

- 1 - Mr. Byron B. White
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

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JOHN ROSELLI

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Synopsis:

ROSSELLI, FBI No. 3339986, claims birth at Chicago, Illinois, on 7/4/04. FBI Laboratory examination of signatures on Report of Birth, filed in 1936, and on Affidavit of Birth, upon which Report of Birth is based, reveals signatures to be forgeries. ROSSELLI married WINIFRED JUNE VLASEK (actress JUNE LANG) in 1940, was divorced in 1943, and has not remarried. In 1950 ROSSELLI testified before Kefauver Committee and stated he engaged in buying and selling liquor in Los Angeles during prohibition era; that he was acquainted with AL CAPONE, and that he engaged in wire service for horse racing information in the late 1930's. He was convicted in Federal Court in New York City on 12/23/43 on charge of conspiracy to extort money from individuals in movie industry, sentenced to ten years imprisonment, and paroled in 1947. In 1957-1958, he was allegedly active in management of Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, in an unofficial capacity. He obtained concessions from Tropicana Hotel but sold these in 1958 upon request of Nevada Gaming Control Board. He was officer in Monte Proser Productions, Inc., which produced floor shows at Tropicana Hotel, from 1957 until first part of 1959. Since 1959 has engaged in promoting and investing in various enterprises in Las Vegas area. He is currently engaged in producing motion picture of Las Vegas night life through Showcase Enterprises Inc. He obtained contracts from all major hotels to shoot scenes in the casinos. Investigation indicates ROSSELLI may be handling various matters in Las Vegas for SAM GIANCANA, Chicago gambling figure. In December, 1961, he reported to

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GIANCANA concerning matters in Las Vegas. In latter part of 1961 he and GIANCANA involved in wire tap case in Las Vegas. He is in contact in Los Angeles with JUDITH E. CAMPBELL, who is friend of GIANCANA and who makes numerous telephone calls to GIANCANA's residence in Illinois. ROSSELLI has admitted he associates with highly controversial individuals who are friends, and said he would continue to associate with them. He allegedly stated he invests money for others in legitimate enterprises, but the money may be "illegitimate." He maintains apartments in Los Angeles and in Las Vegas and travels back and forth frequently.

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Robert V. Maheu

*155- Santa Anita
Bridgman, Calif.*

Information has also been set out in this report under the heading "Criminal Activities" reflecting that in the latter part of 1960, ROBERT A. MAHEU was requested by CIA to contact SAM GIANCANA regarding Cuban matters, and that MAHEU got in touch with GIANCANA through JOHN ROSSELLI; that thereafter, a wire tap was placed on the telephone of [REDACTED] at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, allegedly at the request of MAHEU, and according to MAHEU, to discover if there had been a leak of information through [REDACTED] a girl friend of SAM GIANCANA, who was then [REDACTED] company with [REDACTED] MAHEU advised that he had discussed some type of an installation with ROSSELLI prior to the time it was actually made.

Information is also set out in this report under the heading "Contacts and Associates" and specifically under the heading "JUDITH E. CAMPBELL" reflecting that CAMPBELL, a friend of GIANCANA, has been in frequent contact with GIANCANA's residence in Chicago via telephone, and she has also been in contact with JOHN ROSSELLI.

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POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN WIRE TAPPING
AT RIVIERA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

On October 31, 1960, ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI was arrested at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, at which time he admitted that he had received instructions from Investigations, Inc., Miami, Florida, to surveil and record telephone conversations of DAN ROWAN, who was then staying at the Riviera Hotel. BALLETTI stated that he had received instructions from ROBERT MAHEU to contact T. W. RICHARDSON at the New Frontier Hotel and RICHARDSON would pay him \$1,000 for the work which was being done by BALLETTI. Investigation revealed that an unknown individual using the name J. W. HARRISON, participated in the placing of the telephone surveillance in DAN ROWAN's room.

T. W. RICHARDSON, who is part owner of the New Frontier Hotel, upon interview denied knowing BALLETTI or paying any money to BALLETTI or anyone else in connection with this matter.

It is noted that at this time ROWAN was keeping company with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE of the MC GUIRE Sisters singing act and ROWAN later advised that he intended to marry PHYLLIS MC GUIRE.

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b7D- PHYLLIS MC GUIRE had reportedly been the girl friend of SAMUEL GIANCANA of Chicago. Information received during [redacted] indicates that GIANCANA is again keeping company with PHYLLIS MC GUIRE.

EDWARD L. DUBOIS of Investigations, Inc. advised that in October, 1960, he received a telephone call from ROBERT MAHEU, a private investigator, Washington, D.C., requesting that DUBOIS send two men to Las Vegas on October 26, 1960, for physical surveillance work. Subsequently, according to DUBOIS, MAHEU told him only to send one man as he, MAHEU, was going to send one man. Thereafter, DUBOIS sent BALLETTI and the unknown individual who used the name J. W. HARRISON accompanied BALLETTI.

During the period from October 11 to October 29, 1960, ROBERT A. MAHEU and a J. A. ROLLINS were registered at the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, and ROLLINS accompanied MAHEU. MAHEU informed SAs of the FBI that J. A. ROLLINS was JOHN A. ROLLINS but refused to further identify him.

b7C Investigation disclosed that while at the Kenilworth Hotel, ROLLINS was charged with two telephone calls to telephone number WH 3-1155 in Chicago, Illinois, which is the telephone number of [redacted] who has been identified in the ROSSELLI investigation as a close friend and associate of ROSSELLI. ROLLINS was also charged with a telephone call to telephone number DI 7-6223, Woodland Hills, California, which is the number of [redacted] who has also been identified as a close friend and associate of ROSSELLI.

ROLLINS was also charged with a telephone call to telephone number DU 2-6000 which is the telephone number of the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, where ROSSELLI had received many telephone calls in the past.

JAMES FOLEY, an attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that in the latter part of October, 1960, he received a telephone call from JAMES P. CANTILLON of the law firm of Cantillon and Cantillon, Beverly Hills, California, requesting that FOLEY represent BALLETTI and arrange for his bond. CANTILLON personally guaranteed FOLEY's fee. It is noted

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that JAMES P. CANTILLON is JOHN ROSSELLI's attorney and a close associate of ROSSELLI's.

Upon interview by SAs of the FBI, JAMES P. CANTILLON said that he first heard of the microphone incident when he received a call from a man in custody in Las Vegas whose name he did not recall. He said that the name BALLETTI was probably correct. He advised that he referred this man to THOMAS FOLEY an attorney in Las Vegas.

Further investigation revealed that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in connection with their operations concerning FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba contacted ROBERT MAHEU to act as "cutout" in contacts with SAM GIANCANA on the theory that GIANCANA through his gambling activities in Cuba under the Batista Government might still have sources and contacts in Cuba who could be of value to CIA. According to officials of CIA, this organization did not authorize the microphone surveillance on [REDACTED]

On May 25, 1961, MAHEU advised SAs of the FBI that the original contact with GIANCANA after MAHEU had been requested by CIA to make contact with GIANCANA was made by "JOHNNY" who he declined to further identify.

b7C On June 29, 1961, MAHEU advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he would verify "JOHNNY's" identity if the Agents named the man. When JOHN ROSSELLI's name was furnished to MAHEU he admitted that ROSSELLI was the "JOHNNY" he referred to and that ROSSELLI was also identical to J. A. ROLLINS who registered with him at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, in October, 1960.

ROBERT MAHEU was interviewed at 190 North Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, on July 13, 1961. MAHEU was informed of his right to an attorney and that he did not have to answer questions and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law.

MAHEU stated that in connection with the confidential assignment for CIA he had been in contact with SAMUEL GIANCANA and had received valuable assistance from GIANCANA, which, in turn, was furnished to CIA. MAHEU had reason to believe that

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b7C { GIANCANA may have disclosed information regarding the project and, in view of the sensitive nature of the project, he, MAHEU, decided to determine whether or not GIANCANA had actually talked to unauthorized persons. He was aware that GIANCANA was very close in a romantic way with [REDACTED]. He said that if GIANCANA had disclosed this information regarding project to anyone, he would have disclosed it to [REDACTED]. He said that he was also aware that in the fall of 1960 the relations between [REDACTED] and GIANCANA were strained and that [REDACTED] was romantically involved with [REDACTED]. He considered it very vital to determine whether or not GIANCANA was reliable and decided to order an installation on [REDACTED] room in an effort to determine whether or not GIANCANA had disclosed any information regarding the project to [REDACTED].

MAHEU stated that this decision was his own and that GIANCANA had no knowledge that the installation was made. He said that he did discuss this with JOHN ROSSELLI, since he felt obligated to discuss it with ROSSELLI, as ROSSELLI had been instrumental in putting him in contact with GIANCANA. MAHEU denied that the installation was made at the request of ROSSELLI or GIANCANA or for the benefit of either ROSSELLI or GIANCANA. He said that he did discuss his decision with ROSSELLI some time prior to ordering the installation but does not recall the specific date or place where he discussed the matter with ROSSELLI. He pointed out that he does not recall whether or not this occurred during October, 1960, when they were both registered at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. He pointed out that he had met with ROSSELLI on a number of occasions and, therefore, does not recall the specific occasion in which he discussed his decision with ROSSELLI. He does not recall what comment ROSSELLI made when informed of his decision.

b7C MAHEU said that he requested EDWARD L. DUBOIS, Jr., a Miami Beach private investigator, to institute a technical surveillance of [REDACTED] room at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said that he does not recall what his specific requests were regarding the

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b7C type of installation to be used, but had left this up to DUBOIS. He said that he was interested only in conversation within [redacted] room and had in mind the installation of a microphone and transmitter and not a telephone tap. He said, however, that he does not recall whether or not he specified not to make a telephone installation. He said that he does recall that he definitely did not request a physical surveillance of [redacted]

b7C MAHEU stated that he does not know the identity of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. HARRISON. He said that he definitely did not contact DUBOIS and tell DUBOIS that he would send one of his men. He insisted that DUBOIS furnished both men to handle this assignment in Las Vegas and that DUBOIS had charged him for transportation and time for two men.

MAHEU repeated that he would take full responsibility for ordering the installation, that the installation was made for the reasons he had given above and in a previous interview, and definitely was not made at the request or for the benefit of JOHN ROSSELLI or SAMUEL GIANCANA.

JOHN ROSSELLI was contacted at Drucker's Hair-dressers for Men, 9740 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. ROSSELLI was informed of his right to have an attorney and that he did not have to say anything and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law.

ROSSELLI admitted that he has known ROBERT MAHEU for approximately five years. When asked if he knew SAM GIANCANA, ROSSELLI stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions." ROSSELLI stated that he knew of nothing illegal that MAHEU had done, but for any additional information regarding his association with MAHEU, the Agents should talk with MAHEU himself.

b7C ROSSELLI was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] at his Los Angeles apartment, 1251 Crescent Heights Boulevard, Los Angeles, on July 19, 1961, in an effort to

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arrange an interview. ROSSELLI advised that he did not care to discuss his association with MAHEU at any time with the FBI.

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WITH SHOW "FLOWER DRUM SONG"
THUNDERBIRD HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 92-18113

1 - Mr. Held
1 - Mr. Adams

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

August 6, 1976

Director, FBI

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JOHN ROSELLI
ANTI-RACKETEERING
MISSING PERSON

1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. O'Connell
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1 - Mr. Mitchell
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1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Moore

The following relates to the August 4, 1976, conferences held with you by Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, General Investigative Division of the FBI, and Mr. Gallagher's conference with William Lynch, Chief of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division, concerning the missing status of John Roselli.

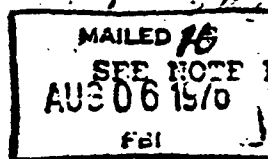
David Walters, Attorney for John Roselli, Miami, Florida, advised the Miami FBI Office on August 2, 1976, that Mrs. Joseph Daigle, Plantation, Florida (Roselli's sister), had informed him that Roselli left the Daigle residence approximately 1:00 p.m., July 28, 1976, in Mrs. Daigle's automobile and has not been seen or heard from since that time. Roselli resided at the Daigle residence.

Walters also related that on July 30, 1976, Mrs. Daigle's automobile was located by her husband, Joseph Daigle, parked in a garage at the Miami International Airport. Walters said he was going to notify the Chief Counsel, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSCIA) that Roselli has been missing since July 28, 1976. He also advised Mrs. Daigle to file a Missing Persons Report with the Broward County, Florida, authorities.

On the afternoon of August 3, 1976, U. S. Senator Frank Baker, SSCIA, contacted the Director of the FBI to advise him that John Roselli was missing and that he had a continuing interest in Roselli because of testimony given before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSCIA) that Roselli had been involved in a violation of the Espionage Laws. Therefore, Senator Baker felt the disappearance of Roselli was a matter of national security.

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Criminal Division

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The Minority Staff Director, SSCIA, has advised Roselli testified before that committee on June 24, 1975, September 22, 1975, and April 23, 1976, in Executive Session. On the first two occasions Roselli's testimony regarded plots to assassinate Fidel Castro. On the last occasion Roselli testified pursuant to an investigation being conducted regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The SSCIA recommended that a subsequent SSCIA continue its investigation into the Castro assassination plots and the assassination plot of President Kennedy. ~~SSCIA has not issued subpoenas or made any agreements with any prospective witnesses to date.~~

Roselli's Attorneys, Thomas Wadden, Washington, D. C., and David Walters, Miami, Florida, and Joseph and Edith Daigle, brother-in-law and sister of Roselli, were interviewed, without success, for information regarding Roselli's disappearance. According to Joseph Daigle, Roselli normally used his wife's car. Attorney Walters suggested that he check the hospitals, morgues, and airports for any information regarding Roselli. Daigle also stated Roselli often said, in jest, if he was ever missing to check the airport parking lot. He said he located the car on July 30, 1976, at the Miami International Airport. He checked the car's interior and trunk and found nothing unusual except a grease mark on the left window, which could have been caused by an individual's head resting on the window. Daigle stated Roselli generally stayed close to his residence and could offer no reason for his disappearance.

No information has been developed that Roselli's disappearance is due to his testifying and no information has been developed that he was forcefully abducted. We are conducting no active investigation; however, are following closely with local authorities. Senator Baker is being so advised.

NOTE: See Rhyne to Gallagher memo dated 8/6/76 captioned, "John Roselli, Anti-Racketeering, Missing Person."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Adams

DATE: 8/4/76

FROM : R. J. Gallagher

SUBJECT: JOHN ROSELLI
ANTI-RACKETEERING
MISSING PERSON

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not subject to the FOIA*

- 1 - Mr. Held
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ACTION: Miami has been instructed to interview Joseph Daigle for complete details as to how he happened to be checking airports where the car used by Roselli was located, when he reported the disappearance to the local authorities and what he knows about Roselli and his contacts.

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DETAILS:

that Roselli testified before the original Senate Select Committee on 6/24/75, 9/22/75, and 4/23/76. On the first two occasions he testified regarding plots to assassinate Fidel Castro. On the last occasion



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he testified pursuant to an investigation being conducted regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The original Senate Select Committee chaired by Senator Frank Church recommended to the new Senate Select Committee it continue its investigation into the Castro assassination plots and into the assassination plots of President Kennedy.

Roselli would be considered a critical witness into any investigation of these assassination plots. *UN*

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SAC Stames, Washington Field Office, has advised that Agents have learned that Jack Anderson intends to run a column on the disappearance probably as early as August 5.

Miami was first advised on August 2 by David Walters, an attorney who is representing Roselli in deportation appeals (he was ordered deported January 10, 1975), that Mrs. Edith Daigle advised him on July 30, 1976, that her brother had been missing since July 28. Walters said the sister had no

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communication with him since that time and felt that he met with foul play. u

Attorney David Walters advised our Miami Office on 8/3/76 that he would advise Edith Daigle to file a missing persons report with local authorities. u

On August 3, Mrs. Daigle was interviewed but furnished no additional pertinent information. On the same day, Attorney David Walters' secretary advised a Miami Agent that Attorney Thomas Wadden requested that Attorney Walters do nothing in the Roselli matter since he (Wadden) was handling the matter directly from the top. u

On the afternoon of August 4, the above information was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Richard Thornburgh and to William Lynch, Chief of the Organized Crime Section, Criminal Division. Assistant Attorney General Thornburgh stated that there did not appear to be any violation of Federal law, that we had a missing persons case, and there would be no Obstruction of Justice. Mr. Lynch felt there would be no Obstruction of Justice unless there was some definite information to the effect that harm befell Roselli because of his testimony which in this case occurred many months ago. Mr. Thornburgh felt this case should be closely followed and that Joe Daigle be interviewed to find out when he advised the local authorities, why there was a delay, and how he happened to check airports and find the automobile. Mr. Thornburgh felt that this matter should be followed with local authorities but we should not at this time conduct a real active investigation. u

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-101325 CROSS-REFERENCES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick
FROM : M. A. Jones
SUBJECT: ROBERT AIME MAHEU

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The Director has requested that files be reviewed concerning captioned individual.

Maheu was born on October 30, 1917, at Waterville, Maine. He is a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty in 1940 and resigned in 1947. His services were entirely satisfactory. In 1952 and for a short time thereafter, Maheu was Director of Security and Compliance, Small Defense Plants Administration. Since at least the middle 1950's he has operated the Robert A. Maheu Associates, a private investigative and public relations firm which has offices at 900 17th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. This firm has had business dealings with a number of foreign officials and governments and as a result has frequently come to our attention. Maheu and his firm have frequently been reported as engaging in wiretapping activities in behalf of their clients.

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we have had circumspect dealings with Maheu.

In 1961 we conducted investigation into an allegation that Arthur James Balletti had placed a wiretap at Las Vegas, Nevada, on a comedian who was then reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire, a girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana. The investigation determined that Maheu was also involved, and when interviewed he claimed that the wiretap was placed in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which was seeking intelligence information on Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Giancana. With regard to this activity, Maheu claimed he was placed in contact with Giancana through John Roselli, prominent Los Angeles hoodlum.

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Subsequently, a representative of CIA admitted contacting Maheu in the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using him as a "cutout" in contacts with Giancana who was being utilized by them in some "dirt"

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business" directed at Cuban Premier ~~Castro~~ Castro. When Federal prosecution of Maheu was contemplated with regard to his wiretapping activities at Las Vegas, CIA objected, claiming that it would expose a sensitive operation of theirs that would bring damaging embarrassment to the United States Government. At the time, the Director noted, "This is an outrage." (u) (e)

In May, 1962, ~~former~~ Attorney General Kennedy advised us that he was informed by CIA that they had hired Maheu to approach Giancana with a proposition of paying the latter \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to kill Castro. CIA admitted to Kennedy they assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation at Las Vegas (referred to above) and for this reason they could afford no action to be taken against either Maheu or Giancana. At the time, Kennedy issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice. It is noted that the above information relating to the association between CIA, Maheu and Giancana was furnished to the White House by letter dated March 21, 1967, under "Top Secret" classification, after information was received a few days earlier from attorney (and former Bureau Agent) Edward P. Morgan that he had clients (unnamed) who knew that Castro was aware of CIA's plot to assassinate him. According to Morgan, Castro responded by sending teams of assassins into the United States to kill former President Kennedy. Morgan, of course, suggested that these teams had assisted Oswald in the assassination of former President Kennedy. (e) u

Maheu has a long record of serving the interests of millionaire-industrialist Howard Hughes, who has been reported as one of his "angels." Maheu and other private investigators were retained by Hughes in 1947 to investigate former United States Senator Owen Brewster. In 1959, Maheu's investigative firm was reported to be keeping an eye on several of Hughes' girlfriends while assisting in the transfer of some of Hughes Industries operations from California to Arizona. In 1960, a New York City newspaper reported that Maheu and another former FBI Agent (Robert L. King) were representing the Hughes interests in Washington, D. C. Recently, information was received that Maheu is representing Hughes in the purchase of the Desert Inn Hotel at Las Vegas. u

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. u

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SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-116391 CROSS-REFERENCES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CIA
ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE
UNITED STATES
(ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION)

1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

DATE: 4/16/75

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
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By letter dated 3/25/75 to Mr. James A. Wilderotter, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Mr. James N. Roethe, staff attorney of captioned Commission, levied a number of requests for FBI documents to be supplied to the Commission.

One of the requests was for "any notes or interoffice memoranda pertaining to the two letters of Mr. Papich to Mr. Hoover dated March 2, 1970, and November 6, 1967."

With the Director's approval the two Papich letters mentioned above were furnished to the Rockefeller Commission on 3/21/75.

With regard to the Papich letter of 11/6/67, the copies which were furnished to the Commission contained notations made on the letter by Mr. Hoover. A search of Bureau files reveals two additional documents which resulted from the Papich letter of 11/6/67; namely, a memorandum from C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson, 11/8/67, which reported the results of an interview of Papich by DeLoach on that date. During this interview, according to the DeLoach memorandum, he explained to Papich the reasons for the prohibitions and the persons responsible for such prohibitions against utilization of the investigative techniques mentioned in the Papich letter of 11/6/67.

The other communication which resulted from the Papich letter of 11/6 was a letter from Mr. Hoover to Mr. Papich dated 11/9/67 in which Mr. Hoover expressed his shock at the lack of understanding of key people concerning Departmental regulations as well as other influences beyond the Bureau's control which determine policy within the FBI.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 3/13/70 3/16/81 ✓

FROM : SA Sam Papich

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John E. Bacon 8/27/80

Reference is made to my letters dated March 2 and March 5, 1970. In my letter of March 5, 1970, I stated "it is important to emphasize that the Bureau can also produce an extensive list of justified grievances." It is my understanding that the Director desired that this list be identified. Enclosed herewith is a list of approximately 75 items.

This list should not be considered absolutely complete. Preparation was predicated on my personal recollection and a review of Bureau records. To make this list more complete and specifically accurate would necessitate the review of thousands of files. The enclosed list can be supported by Bureau records. What CIA records reflect on the same items is unknown. This also must be kept in mind in connection with our evaluation of the alleged CIA grievances which I previously listed.

I realize that it is presumptuous on my part, but if the Director feels that our Bureau work can benefit by a personal discussion between the Director and myself, I am available until April 3, 1970. I plan to leave the area immediately thereafter for an extended period.

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For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Papich

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On February 7, 1962, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, informed the Liaison Agent that CIA was preparing a report containing extremely sensitive information. He stated that this information came from a sensitive source and he was not certain as to how it should be handled. As a result of a discussion with Edwards on February 26, 1962, [REDACTED]

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Edwards explained that he had been reluctant to identify this source at an earlier date because he feared that prosecution could have been jeopardized and, furthermore, he did not want his Agency embarrassed in the event the Bureau objected to CIA maintaining a capability such as technical surveillances. It was made emphatically clear to Edwards that it was absolutely necessary that we be provided with all the details and, furthermore, that CIA, at the outset, should have apprised us of the existence of the coverage. The Director made the notation, "I only wish we would eventually realize CIA can never be depended upon to deal forthrightly with us. Certainly my skepticism isn't based on prejudice nor suspicion, but on specific instances of all too many in number. Yet, there exists a virulent belief that the 'leopard has changed his spots.' H." (Memorandum Brennan to Sullivan February 27, 1962, [REDACTED]) X(u)

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In February, 1962, the Liaison Agent was requested to discuss with CIA a case which, in our opinion, clearly indicated CIA had failed to keep us appropriately informed of developments. The Bureau's original interest was initiated in Miami as a result of a discussion with CIA personnel in that city. Attempts to get CIA replies via correspondence were negative. On February 13, 1962, the Liaison Agent discussed the matter with CIA and received a reply which did not adequately satisfy the Bureau's request. (Memorandum Donahoe to Sullivan, February 27, 1962, and Brennan to Sullivan, March 2, 1962; Bureau file [REDACTED]) X(u)

57. CIA WIRE TAPPING IN THE UNITED STATES

Sometime prior to the Bay of Pigs fiasco, CIA had become involved in a weird plan designed to bring about the assassination of Fidel Castro. One of the principal ingredients of this plan was to be the utilization of U.S. hoodlums. CIA established contact with Robert Mahou, former Bureau Agent, who served as the intermediary in dealings with the notorious hoodlum, Sam Giancana. X(u)

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The entire operation fell apart when we developed information indicating that Mahou was behind a wire tapping operation in Nevada. Potentially, there were elements for possible violation of unauthorized publication or use of communications. However, prosecution was out of the question because of the tainted involvement of CIA. (Arthur James Balletti, "Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications" and memorandum from the Director to Mr. Tolson, dated May 10, 1952) (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
DATE: 4/21/75

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
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My memorandum to you dated 4/8/75 (attached) advised of a request by Mr. James N. Roethe, staff attorney of captioned Commission, for "any documents in possession of the Bureau, including interoffice memoranda, showing a connection between CIA and known or suspected Mafia personalities specifically for, but not limited to, the period 1958 through 1965."

Our files revealed information pertaining to a connection between CIA and hoodlums John Roselli and Sam Giancana. All pertinent information is contained in the following documents: 1) memorandum W. R. Wannall to W. C. Sullivan, dated 3/6/67, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intentions to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro"; 2) memorandum from the Director, FBI, to the Attorney General, dated 3/6/67, captioned as Item 1; 3) LHM dated 5/22/61, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al," which contained results of an interview with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who in 1961 was Director of Security, CIA; and, 4) two memoranda from the Director of Security, CIA, dated 5/18/66 and 5/27/66, reporting additional meetings between CIA personnel and Roselli.

Referenced memorandum recommended that the above-mentioned documents be reviewed by the Special Investigative Division (SID) and if that Division interposed no objection the Intelligence Division (INTD) through liaison would obtain CIA clearance to furnish the information which originated with that Agency to the Commission. INTD would thereafter prepare cover communication necessary to transmit the documents to Mr. Roethe through the Department. This recommendation was approved. SID reviewed the attached documents and interposed no objection to the documents being furnished to the Commission.

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On 4/9/75 a copy of the 5/22/61 LHM captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al," which contained the results of our interview of Colonel Sheffield Edwards, then Director of Security, CIA; a memorandum from

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Memorandum to Mr. J. B. Adams
Re: Commission on CIA Activities
Within the United States
(Rockefeller Commission)
62-116391

C. D. Brennan to W. C. Sullivan, dated 6/21/63, captioned "John Roselli," which contained the results of an interview of William Harvey, an official of CIA, as set forth in the 3/6/67 memorandum to the Attorney General which we propose to furnish the Commission; and the memoranda from the Director, CIA, dated 5/18/66 and 5/27/66 were furnished to CIA for the purpose of obtaining their concurrence in furnishing the information contained in these documents to the Commission. The above comprises all of the information which originated with CIA contained in the documents we propose to furnish to the Commission. On 4/16/75 [REDACTED]

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CIA [REDACTED] advised Liaison Supervisor L. F. Schwartz that CIA interposed no objection to our furnishing their memoranda of 5/18/66 and 5/27/66 to the Commission along with the results of our interview of Colonel Sheffield Edwards and Mr. Harvey.

No sensitive sources are involved and the Bureau communications pertaining to this matter revealed that we acted promptly on receipt of information concerning CIA's involvement with the hoodlums in notifying the Attorney General. In view of this it is felt these documents should be furnished to the Commission for incorporation in the Commission's files.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you agree, the attached letter to the Deputy Attorney General enclosing a memorandum for the Commission with the documents mentioned above be sent. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
ROUTE IN ENVELOPE
Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 6, 1967

FROM : W. R. Wannall

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SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

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ON 3/9/81 per John E. B. 8/2/80

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in accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows: U

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio. U

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Maheu any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General. U

On 5/9/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
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hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with John Roselli (Maheu's link with Giancana) had continued up until that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction. ~~XS~~(u)

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

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If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General.

*The Attorney General
asked for this information
on Friday, 8/3/67.
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ON 3/9/81 701044 27,330

March 6, 1967

Director, FBI

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Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis. (u)

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur Joseph Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum. (u)

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Mahou, a private detective, was involved. Mahou during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Mahou said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Mahou stated also that he authorized the wiring of ~~Rowan's room~~ and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961 which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Mahou in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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The Attorney General

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 23, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. *(u)*

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Mahou during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Mahou as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Mahou, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Mahou or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balloetti. *(u)*

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Mahou had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Mahou in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Mahou. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Mahou and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Mahou for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1962, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Mahou's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1960, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. ~~XS~~(u)

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Bought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power. u

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John E. Brown 8/27/80 ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 22, 1961

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On May 3, 1961, Colonel Sheffield Edwards,
Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
furnished the following information.

Colonel Edwards advised that in connection with
CIA's operation against Castro he personally contacted Robert
Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu
as a "cut-out" in contacts with Sam Giancana, a known hoodlum
in the Chicago area. Colonel Edwards said that since the
underworld controlled gambling activities in Cuba under the
Batista government, it was assumed that this element would
still continue to have sources and contacts in Cuba which
perhaps could be utilized successfully in connection with
CIA's clandestine efforts against the Castro government.
As a result, Maheu's services were solicited as a "cut-out"
because of his possible entree into underworld circles.
Maheu obtained Sam Giancana's assistance in this regard and
according to Edwards, Giancana gave every indication of
cooperating through Maheu in attempting to accomplish several
clandestine efforts in Cuba. Edwards added that none of
Giancana's efforts have materialized to date and that several
of the plans still are working and may eventually "pay off."

Colonel Edwards related that he had no direct
contact with Giancana; that Giancana's activities were
completely "back stopped" by Maheu and that Maheu would
frequently report Giancana's action and information to
Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana
in accomplishing their missions were ever reported to
Edwards. Colonel Edwards said that since this is "dirty
business" he could not afford to have knowledge of the actions
of Maheu and Giancana in pursuit of any mission for CIA.
Colonel Edwards added that he has neither given Maheu any
instruction to use technical installations of any type nor has
the subject of technical installations ever come up between
Edwards and Maheu in connection with Giancana's activity.

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Colonel Edwards related that Maheu did come to him concerning the arrest in Las Vegas of Balletti for "wire tapping." Maheu cautioned Edwards that the Balletti arrest could cause CIA some embarrassment since Balletti was in Las Vegas attempting to obtain coverage on some "Hollywood people" in connection with Giancana's efforts for CIA. Edwards said that he did not know the facts of the Balletti case and Maheu claims "Balletti went too far" in his efforts to obtain information. Edwards added that he was unaware of any reason for the activity of Maheu or Giancana in Las Vegas and that Giancana's activity in furtherance of the anti-Castro activity was left completely in Maheu's hands.

Colonel Edwards advised that only Mr. Bissell (Deputy Director of Plans, CIA) and two others in CIA were aware of the Giancana - Maheu activity in behalf of CIA's program and that Allen Dulles was completely unaware of Edwards' contact with Maheu in this connection. He added that Mr. Bissell, during his recent briefings of General Taylor and the Attorney General in connection with their inquiries into CIA relating to the Cuban situation, told the Attorney General that some of CIA's associated planning included the use of Giancana and the underworld against Castro.

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The Deputy Attorney General

April 22, 1975

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

LETTER DATED MARCH 25, 1975, FROM
JAMES N. ROETHE, STAFF ATTORNEY,
COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
REQUEST FOR BUREAU DOCUMENTS

Reference is made to the letter dated March 25, 1975, to Mr. James A. Wilderotter, Associate Deputy Attorney General, from James N. Roethe, staff attorney, Commission on CIA Activities within the United States, in which Roethe requested "any documents in possession of the Bureau, including interoffice memoranda, showing a connection between CIA and known or suspected Mafia personalities specifically for, but not limited to, the period 1958 through 1965."

Enclosed is a memorandum, captioned "Commission on CIA Activities within the United States," identifying the documents in the possession of the Bureau responsive to Mr. Roethe's request and a copy of each of these documents for transmittal to him.

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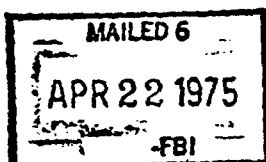
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See memorandum W. R. Wannall to Mr. J. B. Adams, dated 4/21/75, captioned "Commission on CIA Activities within the United States (Rockefeller Commission)," prepared by FJC:aso.

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April 22, 1975

**COMMISSION ON CIA
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1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Mr. Cassidy

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A review of Bureau files reveals a number of documents pertaining to a connection between the CIA and hoodlums John Roselli and Sam Giancana. All pertinent information is contained in the following documents, copies of which are attached:

1) Memorandum W. R. Wannall to W. C. Sullivan, dated March 6, 1967, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intentions to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro."

2) Memorandum from the Director, FBI, to the Attorney General, dated March 6, 1967, captioned as Item 1.

3) Memorandum dated May 22, 1961, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al," which contained results of an interview with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who in 1961 was Director of Security, CIA.

4) Two memoranda from the Director of Security, CIA, dated May 18, 1966, and May 27, 1966, reporting additional meetings between CIA personnel and Roselli.

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**Commission on CIA
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1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(Attn: Dennis Miller)

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

DATE: 5/2/75

1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

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TO : Mr. J. A. Mintz *JEH*

FROM : Mr. W. R. Wannall *WRW*

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
(ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION)

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ON *3/9/81* *7029422,330*

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Reference is made to the routing slip from the Legal Counsel Division dated 5/1/75, attaching a letter to the Deputy Attorney General from Mr. David W. Belin, Executive Director, Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States, in which letter, captioned Commission requested any information in the Department of Justice files concerning any efforts on the part of CIA to intervene in the ordinary course of civil or criminal investigations or litigation undertaken by the Department. Referenced LCD routing slip requested any information INTD could furnish concerning this matter by close of business 5/2/75.

INTD personnel in a position to be aware of such activity on the part of CIA have been canvassed with negative results and a review has been made of the file captioned "Relations With CIA," Bureau file 62-80750.

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The only item developed which could be considered responsive to the Commission's request concerns information furnished to the Deputy Attorney General for transmittal to the Commission on 4/22/75. This item relates to an investigation by the Bureau in 1961 concerning an illegal wiretap which had been placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of ~~Rowan and Martin~~ in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was determined the illegal wiretap was installed by one Arthur James Balletti. Balletti led us to former Special Agent Robert A. Maheu. On interview of Maheu, he stated the wiretap was installed on behalf of the CIA efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. On contact with CIA, we learned of their involvement with Giancana and John Roselli, another top hoodlum, in connection with anti-Castro activities. We promptly disseminated the information to the Attorney General and Mr. Hoover was subsequently advised by then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy that Kennedy had obtained the entire story from CIA and, because of CIA involvement, no prosecution was

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Memorandum to Mr. J. A. Mintz

Re: Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States (Rockefeller Commission)
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possible, as such action which would involve Maheu and Giancana would
no doubt immediately bring out the fact that an agency of the United States
Government had approached Giancana to arrange for the assassination of
Castro. ~~AS~~ (u)

ACTION:

This memorandum will be referred to the Legal Counsel Division for
their consideration in preparing a response to the Deputy Attorney General. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

FROM : W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
(ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION)

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

DATE: 4/8/75

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. L. F. Schwartz
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

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By letter dated 3/25/75 to Mr. James A. Wilderotter, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Mr. James N. Roethe, staff attorney of captioned Commission, levied a number of requests for FBI documents to be supplied to the Commission.

One of the requests was for "any documents in possession of the Bureau, including interoffice memoranda, showing a connection between CIA and known or suspected Mafia personalities specifically for, but not limited to, the period 1958 through 1965."

A review of our files reveals a number of documents pertaining to a connection between the CIA and hoodlums John Roselli and Sam Giancana. All pertinent information is contained in the following documents:

1) memorandum W. R. Wannall to W. C. Sullivan, dated 3/6/67, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intentions to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro"; 2) memorandum from Director, FBI, to the Attorney General, dated 3/6/67, captioned as Item 1; 3) LHM dated 5/22/61, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al," which contains the results of an interview with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who in 1961 was Director of Security, CIA.

In brief, we investigated Balletti in 1961 for placing an illegal wiretap. During the course of the investigation we determined that former Special Agent Robert H. Maheu was involved. Interview of Maheu surfaced a relationship between John Roselli and Sam Giancana, top hoodlums, and the CIA.

In addition, our files contain a letter dated 5/18/66 and a letter 5/27/66 from the Director of Security of CIA which reported contacts between Roselli and CIA officials in 1966, which letters would appear pertinent to Mr. Roethe's request.

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Memorandum to Mr. J. B. Adams
Re: Commission on CIA Activities
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It is proposed that the above-mentioned communications be furnished to Mr. Roethe in response to his request. As the documents contain some information furnished to us by CIA on a strict need-to-know basis with a request that the information not be released outside the FBI without prior coordination with CIA, the Intelligence Division (INTD) through Liaison will obtain the necessary clearance from CIA to furnish same to the Commission.

The Special Investigative Division (SID) is requested to review the attached documents as the documents pertain to investigations of primary concern to SID and advise if SID interposes any objection to furnishing the documents to the Commission. *u*

ACTION:

1. SID review the attached documents in line with the above. *u*
2. If SID interposes no objection to furnishing the attached documents to the Commission, INTD through Liaison will obtain CIA clearance to furnish the documents to the Commission and thereafter prepare the necessary cover communication to transmit the documents to Mr. Roethe. *u*

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ADP # 22,380

The Attorney General

March 8, 1967

Director, FBI

*CIA info Declassified per John E. Bacon 8/27/80

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOOGLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

in 62-90750-455

Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis. (u)

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Mahou, a private detective, was involved. Mahou during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interest there. Mahou said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Mahou stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Mahou in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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The Attorney General

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. X(u)

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Mahou during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Mahou as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Mahou, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Mahou or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balletti. X(u)

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Mahou had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Mahou in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Mahou. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Mahou and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Mahou for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1962, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Mahou's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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The Attorney General

established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn stated that it is held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. ~~TOP SECRET~~ (u)

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured these present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 13, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Sought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power.

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See cover memorandum Wannall to Sullivan, same caption,
March 6, 1967, GCM:ams. ~

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M. C. Sullivan

March 6, 1967

M. R. Fannall

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO**

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In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows: ~

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Daliotti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio. ~

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Mahou, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Mahou was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Mahou authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Mahou as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Mahou any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General. X(u)

On 5/9/63 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Mahou had been

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan.

Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND ROOBLINS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Mahou then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with John Roselli (Mahou's link with Giancana) had continued up until that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction. *XLW*

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1950. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General. *u*

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May 23, 1961

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ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, et al.

On May 3, 1961, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) furnished the following information.

Colonel Edwards advised that in connection with CIA's operation against Castro he personally contacted Robert Mahou during the Fall of 1959 for the purpose of using Mahou as a "cut-out" in contacts with Sam Giancana, a known hoodlum in the Chicago area. Colonel Edwards said that since the underworld controlled gambling activities in Cuba under the Batista government, it was assumed that this element would still continue to have sources and contacts in Cuba which perhaps could be utilized successfully in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against the Castro government. As a result, Mahou's services were solicited as a "cut-out" because of his possible entree into underworld circles. Mahou obtained Sam Giancana's assistance in this regard and according to Edwards, Giancana gave every indication of cooperating through Mahou in attempting to accomplish several clandestine efforts in Cuba. Edwards added that none of Giancana's efforts have materialized to date and that several of the plans still are working and may eventually "pay off."

Colonel Edwards related that he had no direct contact with Giancana; that Giancana's activities were completely "back stopped" by Mahou and that Mahou would frequently report Giancana's action and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Mahou or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were ever reported to Edwards. Colonel Edwards said that since this is "dirty business" he could not afford to have knowledge of the actions of Mahou and Giancana in pursuit of any mission for CIA. Colonel Edwards added that he has neither given Mahou any instruction to use technical installations of any type nor has the subject of technical installations ever come up between Edwards and Mahou in connection with Giancana's activity.

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Colonel Edwards related that Kahen did come to him concerning the arrest in Las Vegas of Balletti for "wire tapping." Kahen cautioned Edwards that the Balletti arrest could cause CIA some embarrassment since Balletti was in Las Vegas attempting to obtain coverage on some "Hollywood people" in connection with Giancana's efforts for CIA. Edwards said that he did not know the facts of the Balletti case and Kahen claims "Balletti went too far" in his efforts to obtain information. Edwards added that he was unaware of any reason for this activity of Kahen or Giancana in Las Vegas and that Giancana's activity in furtherance of the anti-Castro activity was left completely in Kahen's hands.

Colonel Edwards advised that only Mr. Eissell (Deputy Director of Plans, CIA) and two others in CIA were aware of the Giancana - Kahen activity in behalf of CIA's program and that Allen Dulles was completely unaware of Edwards' contact with Kahen in this connection. He added that Mr. Eissell, during his recent briefings of General Taylor and the Attorney General in connection with their inquiries into CIA relating to the Cuban situation, told the Attorney General that some of CIA's associated planning included the use of Giancana and the underworld against Castro.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 5/21/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: STATUS OF RESPONSES TO
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE REQUESTS

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The purpose of this memorandum is to set forth in summary form the requests we have received from various Committees in Congress and the status of our replies. U

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities - Church Committee

We have substantially complied with requests from the Committee contained in their letter of 3/19/75. The remaining aspects of these requests involve decisions by the Department of Justice concerning COINTELPRO and our recommendation that one particular document not be furnished the Committee. U

Responses to the Senate Select Committee request of 4/30/75, which generally pertains to sections of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the Manual of Instruction, Bureau forms, indexing information and classification materials has been partially complied with. We have received Departmental approval to make sections of the Manual of Rules and Regulations and the Manual of Instruction available to the Committee. Responses to the other aspects of this particular request are in various stages of approval at Headquarters. U

We have furnished a response to the Senate Select Committee of 4/28/75, concerning allegations of our possible involvement in the removal of documents from the residence of the late Director J. Edgar Hoover.

- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf
- 1 - Mr. Wannall (Attn: Mr. Cregar)
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Hotis
- 1 - Mr. Daly

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Memorandum to Mr. Adams

Re: Status of Responses to Congressional Committee Requests

A request of this Committee dated 5/12/75, concerning allegations of CIA's involvement in a plot to kill Castro has been responded to in that we advised the Department that CIA would have to give clearance before these documents could be furnished the Committee. Concerning this particular request, CIA has contacted the Department and the Senate Select Committee has reviewed the material in the Department with the approval of CIA. This procedure was approved by Deputy Attorney General Tyler. The material was reviewed by Chief Counsel F. A. O. Schwarz and Minority Counsel Curtis Smothers.

By letter dated 5/14/75, we received a lengthy request from the Committee which pertains to among other things information concerning all wiretaps including their location and other requests which would amount to a complete reconstruction of Bureau files, as well as inspection surveys for ten offices. Mark Gitenstein and John Elliff, of the Committee staff, both indicated that this particular request should be considered entirely negotiable, however K. William O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Department, who indicated that he was going to negotiate with the Committee on this matter, has not contacted the Committee to engage in such negotiations. We are, however, going over this request and where necessary preparing the responses. 

**Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional
Rights of the House Judiciary Committee (Edwards Committee)**

We have complied with all aspects of this Committee's request which was contained in their letter of 4/10/75 with the exception of one response pertaining to our authority to collect, retain and disseminate information which is in the process of receiving Bureau approval. In this regard it is to be noted that on 5/19/75, we received a complaint from Arden Schell, staff member of the Committee, that the Committee had not received our responses. We delivered our responses to the other aspects of the 4/10/75 request to the Department on 4/24/75 and 5/1/75, respectively. This matter has been brought to the attention of K. William O'Connor as well as Associate Deputy Attorney General Robert McDermott. 

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Mr. J. B. Hotis)
R. Wannall
Mr. W. O. Cregar
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The Attorney General

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May 29, 1975
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Director, FBI

Rockefeller Commission
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UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

This is in response to a request on May 19, 1975,
that we review our files for any information concerning
possible U. S. Government involvement in a plot to assassinate
the former Dominican Republic Dictator Raphael Leonidas
Trujillo.

A review was conducted of logical files; however, no
information was located indicating U. S. Government involve-
ment in the assassination of Trujillo, with the exception of
several recent newspaper articles which implicated the
Central Intelligence Agency in the assassination of Trujillo.

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Reference is made to Legal Counsel memorandum to
Mr. J. B. Adams 5/20/75, captioned "SENSTUDY - 75," wherein it
was indicated that on 5/19/75, it was requested that the Bureau
determine through its files what information they might have
concerning possible Government involvement in a plot to assas-
sinate Dominican Republic Dictator Raphael Trujillo. Informatio
re the 5/19/75 conversation furnished orally by Director to
Mr. Adams. JUL 8 1975

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In this regard, all sections of the main file on
Trujillo (109-485), as well as a Correlation Summary dated
9/26/74 prepared from a review of all "see" references to
the subject, were reviewed with negative results. Additionally,
in connection with a recent request from the Rockefeller
Commission concerning any information in Bureau files which would
show connection of CIA with Mafia personalities, a review was
made by IS-3 of the CIA relations files, specifically directed
to any information concerning CIA involvement in assassination
attempts. Review failed to develop any information regarding
CIA involvement in a plot to assassinate Rafael Trujillo.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-109060 CROSS-REFERENCES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 22, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

The attached sets forth the results of an interview with Edward P. Morgan (former Bureau Inspector) on 3/20/67.

By way of background, during February, 1967, James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, advised that Drew Pearson, contacted Chief Justice Warren concerning information in possession of Edward P. Morgan. The Chief Justice refused to see Morgan; however, it was determined Morgan alleged that former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy organized a group to go to Cuba to kill Castro. All of this group were killed or imprisoned except one person who escaped, and subsequently, after Castro learning of the plot, decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job. This information allegedly came from a client of Morgan. Secret Service made an appointment to talk to Morgan; however, he never showed up.

On 3/17/67, Mr. Watson at the White House advised that President Johnson desired the FBI to interview Morgan concerning any knowledge he might have had concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Morgan was interviewed on 3/20/67 by Washington Field Office Agents. Due to attorney-client relationship, Morgan would not identify the persons who furnished him information concerning the assassination. He stated his clients, while not directly involved in the assassination, had knowledge of the plot. Morgan alleges his clients were used by a Government Agency (obviously Central Intelligence Agency, CIA) to plot the assassination of Fidel Castro, and that Castro learned of the plot, and thereafter, dispatched teams of assassins to the U. S. for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy. He said his clients were aware of the identity of some of these individuals, and he understood that two such individuals were

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Memorandum Report to DeLoach
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JFK [REDACTED]

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This information is briefly set forth in the enclosure as it appears to relate to information in Morgan's possession. Since CIA furnished information on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis and requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis, this is being set forth in the communications attached.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mrs. Stegall at the White House, the Attorney General, and James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, enclosing a memorandum setting forth the information furnished by Morgan, and information received from CIA. The enclosures to these communications are classified Top Secret.

*former Special Agent

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 3/27/67

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

Please note page 4 of the memorandum dated March 21, 1967 which was sent to Mrs. Stegall at the White House by the attached letter of March 22, and which covers the negotiations between Robert A. Maheu, acting for CIA, and Sam Giancana.

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*File to CIA to advise re
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach *Dr*

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: EDWARD REID,
AKA, ED REID
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 15, 1967

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
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Ed Reid, a former newspaperman from Las Vegas, who has written several books concerning the hoodlum element and in the past has been described as an irresponsible newspaperman guilty of dishonest reporting, contacted an Agent of our Los Angeles Office.

Initial contact was telephonically made on 5/6/67 at which time Reid indicated he had information concerning John Roselli. On 5/9/67, our Los Angeles Agent met Reid at which time Reid displayed a rough draft manuscript of his new book "Jungle U.S.A.," described as a history and study of organized crime. Reid refers to Carlos Marcello and indicated there was a meeting on 9/11/63 at Churchill Farms, outside New Orleans, Louisiana, attended by several people including Marcello and Reid's informant. Marcello was alleged to have said that in order to get Bobby Kennedy they would have to get the President, and they could not kill Bobby because the President would use the Army and the Marines to get them. The result of killing the President would cause Bobby to lose his power as Attorney General because of the new President. Reid reported in his book that a person who attended this alleged meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and furnished them the information. Reid described his informant as reliable, and after leaving New Orleans, his informant traveled to Dallas and Los Angeles and several days later was interviewed concerning the Billie Sol Estes case, at which time he allegedly related to our Agents what he heard at Churchill Farms. Reid said his informant identified our Agents as Jim Eldridge and L. Blanton.

Based on this information, Los Angeles reviewed JUL 26 1967 files concerning the Billie Sol Estes case which revealed that James E. Ethridge and Lanford L. Blanton interviewed Edward Nicholas Becker 11/26/62. In this interview, Marcello was mentioned, and other interviews contained no reference to Marcello. Therefore, it appeared that Becker is Reid's informant. In Becker's interview, Marcello was mentioned in connection with a business proposition

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RE: EDWARD REID

and no mention was made of the Attorney General nor were other interviews conducted by these two Agents regarding this matter.

Agents who interviewed Reid told him that information regarding the Churchill Farms conversation was not received as he alleged. At this time, Reid refused to confirm or deny that Becker was his informant. It is noted Reid's informant indicated this information was received on 9/11/63; however, Becker's interview was conducted on 11/26/62, several months preceding. It is noted Edward Nicholas Becker is a private investigator in Los Angeles who in the past has had a reputation of being unreliable and known to misrepresent facts.

Reid declared although the FBI stated this information was not received from his informant, he intends to leave his story as it appears in his book as the book is now in the hands of his publisher.

In connection with John Roselli, Reid wanted to trade information concerning him which offer was refused. He mentioned he was concerned with Roselli's association with Attorney Edward Morgan of Washington, D. C. As you recall, Morgan was previously interviewed at the request of the White House concerning alleged information in his possession regarding the assassination. Also, Roselli was the connecting link between CIA and Robert Maheu who was hired by the CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated. Roselli is also a member of the Chicago family of La Cosa Nostra who represents Chicago's interests on the West Coast and primarily in Las Vegas.

Carlos Marcello is a leading New Orleans hoodlum who was prosecuted in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy in connection with attempt to secure fraudulent birth records in Guatemala and was found not guilty 11/22/63.

The above information is set forth due to the fact the inaccurate information furnished by Reid will appear in a forthcoming publication.

ACTION:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 139-1201 CROSS-REFERENCES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 2, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, Et al.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
OF COMMUNICATIONS

TOP SECRET

This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Balletti was employed by Edward DuBois, a former Bureau Agent who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters' trip, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

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Colonel John Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, on 5/3/61 advised that Maheu was used as an intermediary with Sam Giancana, relative to CIA's anti-Castro activities. Colonel Edwards said that since this was "dirty business," CIA could not be knowledgeable of Maheu's techniques and therefore had no information as to whether a telephone tap was authorized.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Department, by memorandum dated 1/31/62, has requested that we reinterview Colonel Edwards to determine whether the CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant.

- 1- Mr. Evans
- 1- Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

ACTION

It is recommended that the Liaison Agent with CIA reinterview Colonel Edwards in accordance with the Department's request.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: "JFK", "ch", "S. J. K.", "Yes.", "D.", "V. K. K."]

ADDENDUM 2-8-62 (SJK:ban):

On February 7, 1962, Colonel Edwards advised the Liaison Agent that his agency would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information. He pointed out that an introduction of any evidence concerning the CIA operation would be most embarrassing to the U. S. Government.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 13, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET. AL.
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 5, 1962, advising that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was opposed to prosecution of Robert Maheu since such action could lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the Cuban invasion of April, 1961, and could result in damaging embarrassment to the U. S. Government. (u)

For your information, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, advised that his Agency was giving serious consideration to concurring with the Department of Justice concerning this matter. It is Edwards' understanding that if this is done contact will be made with the Attorney General or Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the General Investigative Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-116395 CROSS-REFERENCES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: K. William O'Connor
Special Counsel for Intelligence
Coordination

FROM: JCK John C. Keeney
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Summaries of File #82-46-5

DATE: JUL 1 1975

JCK:mez

In response to your memorandum of June 30, 1975, in this matter, there is attached the requested summary of File Number 82-46-5. Also attached is a xerox copy of the May 14, 1962 memorandum from Sheffield Edwards of the CIA to the Attorney General.

While the attached file summary is more detailed and specific than we would ordinarily submit in response to a request of a Chairman of a Congressional Committee, nonetheless, in view of the background and previous access of the Committee representatives to this file, the more extended summary may be appropriate. We have not submitted the summary to the FBI, and I believe this should be done before it is sent to the Committee.

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Nevada
SUBJECTS: Sam Giancana, Robert Maheu, Edward L. Dubois, Jr.,
Arthur James Balletti and Unknown Subject, aka
J. W. Harrison
Conspiracy to Violate Title 47, U.S.C. §605
(Wiretapping)

The following consists of a summary of the Bureau's investigation and the results of their investigation into the wiretapping of Dan Rowan's phone in his hotel room at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1960.

The Bureau's initial investigative report dated November 10,

1960, reflects the results of an interview with [REDACTED]

b1 [REDACTED] Clark County Sheriff's Office on November 1, 1960, involving the arrest of Arthur Balletti on October 31, 1960 for bugging the telephone box in Dan Rowan's hotel room. A search of Balletti's hotel room reflected notes and notations which Balletti had written down dates and times on which he had recorded portions of Rowan's telephone conversations. A black suitcase in Balletti's room was opened and it contained a large quantity of electronic devices, including transmitters, receivers, wall plugs, a minifon wire recorder and a set of 17 professional-type lock picks. On his arrival at the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Balletti admitted that he had been hired by Investigations Incorporated of Miami, Florida, a company owned by former FBI Agent Edward DuBois, and that this company apparently had a client who had requested an investigation concerning Rowan's private life. Balletti admitted listening to and recording Rowan's telephone conversations since October 26, 1960. According to Balletti, one Fred T. Harris, an investigator from Miami, had entered Rowan's room and installed the listening device.

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[REDACTED] asked Rowan

1960, reflecting [REDACTED] if Sam Giancana, the Chicago hoodlum, who was known to have of the Detective Bureau, Clark County Sheriff's Office, kept company with Phyllis McGuire in the recent past might November 1, 1960, have wanted to know what conversations Rowan and McGuire were October 31, 1960, having. Rowan replied, "How did you know about that?" and [REDACTED] stated, "You certainly could have the answer." On November 1,

notes and [REDACTED] 1960, Rowan appeared at the Clark County Sheriff's Office and [REDACTED] signed a release, stating that he desired that all charges [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] against Balletti be dropped and that no action be taken by [REDACTED] the Clark County Sheriff's Office with regard to the [REDACTED] burglary and the intrusion of privacy by use of a listening [REDACTED] device, stating that Balletti was only working for someone [REDACTED] else.

Office [REDACTED]
Request for Investigation

By memorandum dated December 5, 1960, the Criminal Division [REDACTED] requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a full [REDACTED] investigation, noting that the facts set forth in the report [REDACTED] referred to above indicated a violation of the provisions of [REDACTED] 47 U.S.C. §605, and a conspiracy by Arthur James Balletti, [REDACTED] Fred T. Harris, and possibly Investigations, Inc., Edward DuBois and others.

Results of Bureau Investigation Conducted
at Criminal Division Request

By a report dated December 23, 1960, at Miami, captioned, "Arthur James Balletti; J. W. Harrison Unauthorized Publication and Use of Communications," a Special Agent of the Bureau advised that Edward L. DuBois, Jr., was interviewed on December 13, 1960, in Miami, Florida, at which time he stated that he had handled certain matters for a Robert Maheu, who operates a private investigation organization in Washington, D.C. DuBois stated that on October 25, 1960, he received a telephone call from Maheu's principal assistant, one Walter Fitzpatrick, requesting him to send two men to Las Vegas, Nevada right away for physical surveillance work. Maheu subsequently instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and advised DuBois that he had hired one J. W. Harrison to accompany whomever DuBois sent. DuBois advised that he sent Balletti to Las Vegas on October 26, 1960. DuBois next heard from Balletti when Balletti phoned stating that he had been arrested in Las Vegas as a result of a wiretap and DuBois added that Balletti had been hired strictly for a physical surveillance.

The above-mentioned report dated December 23, 1960, reflects that on December 13, 1960, Arthur James Balletti was interviewed in Miami, concerning his activities in Las Vegas, Nevada. Balletti stated that he would discuss his activities with great reluctance and that it was very probable that he would refuse to answer many questions. Balletti advised that on October 26, 1960 he had flown from Miami, Florida to Las Vegas on a physical surveillance assignment on the orders of his employer, Edward L. DuBois, and that it was his understanding that he was actually working for some other private

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investigator who had requested the assistance of DuBois. According to Balletti, at the Miami International Airport he met an individual he identified as J. W. Harrison from a description previously given him and they flew together to Las Vegas. Balletti advised that while in Las Vegas he physically surveilled Dan Rowan and that Harrison apparently put some sort of wiretap in Rowan's room there and monitored Rowan's phone conversations and that he, Balletti, had nothing to do with the tap, did not see it installed and never did any monitoring. Balletti denied that he was accompanied to Las Vegas by one Fred T. Harris, stating that Harrison had used a ticket in the name of Harris and, for this reason, the police in Las Vegas apparently assumed Harrison was Harris. According to Balletti, Harrison left Las Vegas before Balletti was arrested on October 31, 1960. Balletti said he could not comment upon the electronic equipment found in his room.

An FBI investigative report dated December 22, 1960, at Los Angeles, reflects that on December 21, 1960, Dan Rowan furnished a signed statement to special agents of the Bureau at Los Angeles, California. According to Rowan, after originally signing a complaint against Balletti, he discussed the phone tapping incident with Harvey Silbert and Elias Atoll, members of the corporation which operates the Riviera Hotel and he, Rowan, decided that pressing charges against Balletti would inconvenience him. On November 1, 1960 at the Sheriff's Office, Rowan signed a release and dropped charges against Balletti. Rowan advised that he

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did not give
/anyone authority to record telephone calls or to install
listening devices in his Room No. 228 or No. 226 at the
Riviera Hotel.

A Bureau investigative report dated December 30, 1960
at Salt Lake City reflects that on December 20, 1960, Lt.
Carl Smith advised that Balletti had been charged with in-
vasion of privacy, a felony; possession of burglary tools,
a misdemeanor; and operating as a private detective without
a license, a misdemeanor, with a preliminary hearing set
for April 24, 1961 in Justice of the Peace Court, Las Vegas.

The manager of Trans World Airlines, Las Vegas, advised
that company records reflect that one, F. T. Harris departed
Las Vegas on Trans World Airlines Flight No. 292 at 10:30 a.m.,
on October 30, 1960, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he made
connections with Trans World Airlines Flight No. 76 to Miami,
Florida.

On December 22, 1960, the desk clerk at the Riviera Hotel
was contacted and shown nine photographs, including one of
Fred T. Harris. The desk clerk advised that he could not
identify anyone whose photo had been exhibited as being identical
with the individual who checked into the Hotel on October 26,
1960 under the name of J. W. Harrison. The desk clerk added
that he did not think he would recognize either Balletti or
Harrison if he should see them in person.

On December 21, 1960, at Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Clark County Sheriff's Office, furnished a list of
articles in Balletti's possession at the time of his arrest.

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These included a telephone bug transmitter recovered from behind the bed in Room 228 at the Riviera Hotel; 17 lock picks; 2 telephone bug devices; one ear phone; one cigarette case containing a miniature transmitter; one Minox camera; one Minox film and other electronic and physical devices, equipment and tools, all enumerated on three typed pages of the foregoing investigative report dated December 30, 1960.

The hotel manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that hotel records reflect that from October 27 to November 5, 1960, Rowan made 15 long distance calls to Edgewood, Nevada, and that most of the calls had apparently been made to Phyllis McGuire.

The hotel manager also advised on December 21, 1960 at Las Vegas, Nevada, that according to hotel records, Arthur J. Balletti checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960 and was assigned Room 331 and that the registration card bears the notation, "in room with Harrison". Since Balletti's hotel bill was in excess of \$100 and he was not known, the manager and the chief of security for the hotel went to Room 331 and no one was in the room when they entered. At this time, they observed a yellow pad with the notation of time and a date which referred to Dan Rowan and the hotel manager observed in the top desk drawer what appeared to be a recording device. After discussing the bill with Balletti and receiving a somewhat uncertain identification, the hotel manager subsequently notified the Clark County Sheriff's Office that he had observed what appeared to be a recording device in Balletti's room and suspected that a listening device might be installed in Rowan's room. The hotel manager and Deputy Sheriff Eversole

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and another Deputy, name unrecalled, entered Kowan's room and the hotel manager observed what appeared to be some type of microphone taped to the rear headboard on the bed in Rowan's room with wires running to the telephone wall box. The hotel manager observed the Deputy Sheriff remove the article from the headboard.

This matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Raymond Sutton on December 22, 1960, and he advised Special Agents of the Bureau that he desired to have the results of a full investigation prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. Mr. Sutton stated that upon the receipt of results of full investigation he would, in all probability, present the matter to the next federal grand jury which meets in Las Vegas.

By letter dated January 19, 1964, the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division advised the United States Attorney at Reno, Nevada, Mr. Howard W. Babcock, attention: Mr. Raymond Sutton, that the United States Attorney furnish the Criminal Division with his prosecutive opinion upon completion of the investigation and that he not institute criminal prosecution without our prior authorization, unless time is of the essence.

According to a Bureau report dated December 12, 1961, at Washington, D. C., Robert Maheu of Maheu and King Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C., advised on December 27, 1960 that he had received a call from a Los Angeles attorney asking Maheu to recommend someone to do investigative work in Las Vegas,

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Nevada for a client. Maheu stated that he recommended Edward DuBois and that the Los Angeles attorney requested him to contact DuBois to make the necessary arrangements to handle the investigation in Las Vegas. Maheu stated that he could not recall if he or Walter Fitzpatrick, an associate of Maheu, had contacted DuBois regarding this request. He stated that his firm was not involved in this matter and that DuBois had been contacted only as a favor to the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu denied that he had made a second call to DuBois instructing him to send only one man to Las Vegas, adding that he does not know any J. W. Harrison and is not acquainted with Arthur James Balletti. Maheu advised that he did not desire to furnish the identity of the Los Angeles attorney who originally contacted him without the attorney's consent.

By letter dated January 27, 1961, Mr. Howard Babcock advised the Criminal Division that prior to any presentment that office would be furnished with a prosecutive opinion and noted that the Bureau investigation in this matter has not yet been completed.

An FBI investigative report dated February 8, 1961, at Salt Lake City, reflects that efforts to identify unknown subject, J. W. Harrison, have been unsuccessful.

The above report dated February 8, 1961 also reflects that on January 2, 1961, at New York City, Phyllis McGuire advised that she had not given authority to anyone to install a listening device on Dan Rowan at any time and had no prior knowledge that such a device had been used before the arrest of Arthur James Balletti.

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The above report also reflects that Thomas Foley, Attorney-at-Law, advised on February 6, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, that during the latter part of October 1960, he received a telephone call from James P. Cantillion, a Los Angeles attorney, requesting Foley to represent Arthur J. Balletti who had been arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Foley asked Cantillion about payment of the legal fee and Cantillion stated that he would personally guarantee its payment. Foley stated that he immediately contacted a bail bondsman and arranged bond for Balletti. Foley stated that he was of the opinion that James P. Cantillion is the son of father and son team, Cantillion and Cantillion, a law firm in Los Angeles, California. Foley advised that Balletti's trial on the local charge was set for April, 1961.

A Bureau investigative report dated January 28, 1961 at Miami, Florida, reflects that Fred T. Harris advised on January 24, 1961 that although he formerly worked as a private investigator for Investigations, Inc., from June 1960 until November 16, 1960, he did not work for Edward L. DuBois. However, since November 16, 1960, he has been back with DuBois almost full time. Harris stated he definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and knew nothing of this affair and while he could not pinpoint his complete activities, he was certain that he was never out of Miami during the period from October 26 through 30, 1960. Harris also stated that he knew nothing of electronic devices and never had any sound training and would have no idea as how to install ^{sort of} any/wiretap.

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The same report reflects that Edward DuBois was interviewed on January 24, 1961, at Miami, Florida, stating again that Maheu had informed him that he could only send one man to Las Vegas, that he gave two round-trip tickets to Balletti who went to the Airport, met Maheu's man and travelled to Las Vegas. DuBois stated that Fred Harris definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and did not work for him from June until the middle of November, 1960. DuBois stated he had no idea who had hired Maheu and that he had received \$1,000 from Maheu for Balletti's services in Las Vegas. When he, DuBois, learned of Balletti's arrest, he contacted Maheu in Los Angeles and Maheu knew of Balletti's arrest and arranged for a Los Angeles attorney to defend him. Maheu indicated he had made these arrangements through a Los Angeles attorney whose identity he did not disclose.

According to the above-mentioned report, dated January 28, 1961, at Miami, Florida, the desk clerk of the Kenilworth Hotel advised, on January 25, 1961, that registration records reflect that Robert A. Maheu of Washington, D. C., was registered in Room 722 from October 11-29, 1960 and that he was accompanied by one J. A. Rollins, also of Washington, D. C., who stayed in Room 701 from October 11-30, 1960. It was the desk clerk's recollection that Maheu paid the bill, for both of the rooms and she noted that it was possible that either Rollins or Maheu could have left the hotel for a few days and return and if the room was not given up, such information would not be reflected on the registration card.

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A Bureau investigative report dated February 14, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects numerous long distance phone calls of Robert Maheu made in October 1960 from the Kenilworth Hotel and four such calls made by J.A. Rollins during October 1960.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 6, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects the telephone listing for the Los Angeles number called by DuBois immediately after Balletti's arrest and the telephone listing for Los Angeles numbers called by Maheu and J.A. Rollins from Miami Beach in October 1960. In addition, the report reflects that James P. Cantillion, attorney, Los Angeles, California, advised on March 1, 1961, that his first knowledge of the microphone incident in Las Vegas, Nevada, came from a telephone call to him from a man in custody at Las Vegas whose name he could not recall. When given the name Balletti, Cantillion acknowledged that the name was probably correct but stated that he had no knowledge of Balletti prior to the call which came from a Lieutenant either from the Clarke County's Sheriff's Office or the Las Vegas City Jail. He claimed privilege for his conversation with Balletti but advised that he referred the caller to attorney Tom Foley in Las Vegas. Cantillion stated that he knew Robert Maheu. Cantillion denied telephoning or otherwise contacting Maheu in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, to ask him to perform surveillance on Dan Rowan.

A Bureau memorandum dated March 13, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects information concerning James P. Cantillion, including that one John Roselli stayed at the Beverly Hilton Hotel when he came to Los Angeles and he visits with an attorney,

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James Cantillion of Beverly Hills, California. Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department reflect that John Roselli, FBI # 3339986, was first arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1924 for carrying concealed weapons, but the charge was dismissed. During the period from 1924 to 1932, he was arrested on several occasions on charges of suspicion of grand larceny, carrying concealed weapons and robbery. In testimony before the Kefauver Committee in October 1950, Roselli advised that he met Al Capone in Chicago and that he spent a day with Capone in Los Angeles, California, in about 1930. Records of the United States District Court indicate that on December 22, 1943, Roselli was found guilty of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, U.S.C., and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. The charge involved extorting money from motion picture producers to insure the studios against labor strikes.

The above report reflects that Cantillion was apparently involved in business transactions with Roselli and had been visited by Roselli and one Louis J. Lederer, a close friend of Roselli and apparently linked to nationally-known hoodlum and gambler, Frank Costello, of New York. Cantillion, Lederer and Roselli were, according to the report, all involved in hotels and gambling operations in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 27, 1961, at Washington, D. C. reflects that on January 19 and January 30, 1961, Robert Maheu was interviewed and remained unable to supply the name of the Los Angeles attorney who had originally contacted him and requested him to contact Edward DuBois.

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Maheu advised that he had stayed at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach during the latter part of October 1960, but denied that he had instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and stated that his only involvement in the matter was to have DuBois contacted at the request of the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu identified the J.A. Rollins who was with him at the Kenilworth Hotel as John A. Rollins and would not identify him further, stating Rollins was working indirectly for him in Miami. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas to assist Balletti. Shortly after the interview, Mr. Maheu telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Bureau at the Washington Field Office, stating that "he had just received a telephone call and if this matter could be held up for a few days, it would be all straightened out."

A Bureau report dated April 6, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects that Balletti was interviewed on March 29, 1961 at which time he denied ownership of the technical equipment confiscated in his hotel room aside from a tape recorder and cameras. Balletti stated that he did not recall telling the arresting officers at Las Vegas that J. W. Harrison was actually Fred Harris of Miami. Balletti stated that on October 30 or 31, 1960, he received a long distance telephone call from Robert Maheu who instructed him to contact T. W. Richardson at the New Frontier Hotel. Maheu advised Balletti

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that Richardson would pay him \$1,000 and that when Balletti contacted Richardson giving a password, Richardson gave him 10 one hundred dollar bills in a men's room. Balletti again denied that he knew the true identity of J. W. Harrison.

The same report reflects that on March 20, 1961, DuBois advised that Robert Maheu had paid him \$1,000 in cash as his retainer. DuBois claimed that Balletti had told him that on October 31, 1960, he, Balletti, received a long distance telephone call from Maheu who claimed that he was calling from Los Angeles and instructed Balletti to contact a Mr. Richardson and that Richardson would pay him the retainer. DuBois was asked if he knew John A. Rollins and he stated that he did not know anyone by that name. DuBois was questioned regarding the equipment found in Room 331 of the Riviera Hotel at the time Balletti was arrested and DuBois denied that any of the technical equipment aside from the minifon tape recorder and the cameras belonged to his agency. DuBois assumed that the equipment belonged to J. W. Harrison. DuBois reiterated that he did not know the name of the principal in this case who contacted Maheu to have the surveillance conducted on Rowan.

A Bureau report dated April 11, 1961 reflects that a communication from the Washington Field Office dated February 13, 1961, advised that Maheu was still unable to secure permission from the attorney to divulge the attorney's name to the FBI. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas with Balletti, stating that the Kenilworth Hotel records

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in Miami would reflect that Rollins was there during the period Balletti was in Las Vegas.

This report reflects that by communication dated March 28, 1961, the Riviera Hotel registration card, which contained the handwriting of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. Harrison, was submitted to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the handwriting on the registration card from the Kenilworth Hotel at Miami Beach which bears the name J. A. Rollins.

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According to a Bureau investigative report dated April 12, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, Dan Rowan telephonically contacted a special agent of the Bureau on April 5, 1961 at which time he advised that he did not believe that he had any information of pertinence to add. Rowan stated that he first heard of Sam Giancana from a [REDACTED] with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada and stated that he had never met Giancana. Rowan advised that he has discussed Giancana on one or two occasions with Phyllis McGuire, observing that she was hesitant to discuss Giancana and stated that her relationship with him took place long ago and she saw no reason to discuss it. McGuire stated that Giancana still sends her gifts and flowers, but that this is entirely his idea and she has nothing to do with him.

CIA Involvement

A Bureau memorandum dated April 20, 1961 at Washington, D.C., reflects that on April 18, 1961, Maheu advised that following the recent invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces

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he was now in a position to furnish additional information regarding the situation involving the subjects at Las Vegas, Nevada. At this time, Maheu offered his explanation (set forth in detail in a previous memorandum concerning Central Intelligence Agency involvement in this matter) that Rowan's hotel room was to be the subject of electronic surveillance in connection with determining the source of a leak of information on the part of an individual in the Chicago area. Maheu stated that his work could be verified by "Shef Edwards", Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA.

The Director of the Bureau advised the Attorney General by memorandum dated May 22, 1961 that the full investigation requested in this matter is continuing, although the memo noted in view of the information regarding CIA's attempted utilization of the "hoodlum element" in connection with anti-Castro activities, CIA has requested that this information be handled on a "need-to-know" basis. The Bureau also attached to this memorandum the results of an interview on May 3, 1961 with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, which has previously been set forth in detail in the memorandum setting forth the CIA's involvement in this matter.

By communication dated April 11, 1961, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handwriting on the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, registration card and the hand-printed name of J.A. Rollins was not comparable with the handwriting on the Riviera

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Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, registration card bearing the signature of J.W. Harrison.

On May 13, 1961, records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office reflect that the State charges against Arthur James Balletti were dismissed on April 24, 1961, since the complaining witness did not desire to prosecute.

A Bureau investigative report dated June 6, 1961 at Washington, D. C. reflects that on May 25, 1961, Maheu again advised of his involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency in connection with their attempt to utilize Giancana in connection with the CIA's activities against the Castro government. Maheu stated that the original contact with Giancana was made by "Johnny" who Maheu declined to further identify. Maheu stated that it was his decision to have a microphone coverage installed in Rowan's room and he was extremely careful as he did not want to involve the CIA. Maheu advised that DuBois did not know the CIA's interest in this matter and in requesting DuBois to handle the assignment, he had used a pretext indicating to DuBois that a Los Angeles, California attorney had made the original request for coverage of Rowan. Maheu still denied that he had called one DuBois instructing him to send only one man to Los Angeles and that he, Maheu, would supply the second man. Maheu subsequently advised that he had sent word to Sam Giancana as to the extent of the investigation following his Bureau interview on May 25, 1961.

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An FBI report dated June 26, 1961 at Miami, Florida reflects that Edward DuBois and Arthur Balletti, after viewing a photo of John Roselli, said on June 20, 1961 that they did not recognize him and that they have not been in contact with him in connection with their investigation of Rowan at Las Vegas, Nevada. However, one employee of the Kenilworth Hotel advised that she believed the photograph of John Roselli was a photograph of J.A. Rollins, but could not make a positive identification without seeing the man in person. An FBI report dated June 29, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, reflects that on June 17, 1961, the manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that he knows John Roselli by sight and that so far as he knew, Roselli had never stayed at that hotel and he felt sure that Roselli was not the individual who checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960, using the name J.W. Harrison.

According to a Bureau investigative report dated June 30, 1961, at Los Angeles, Robert Maheu advised on June 29, 1961 that the "Johnny" to whom he made contact with Sam Giancana was John Roselli and that he discussed the plan to wire Rowan's room with Roselli before it was done. It was pointed out to Maheu that the explanation he gave in a previous interview for wiring Rowan's room did not appear logical and was far removed from the purpose for which he was hired by the Central Intelligence Agency. Maheu stated that he would stick to the explanation previously given and wished to add that he would never have ordered Rowan's room wired except for his connection with the CIA.

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An FBI investigative report dated July 19, 1961, at Chicago, reflects that Samuel M. Giancana was interviewed at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, on July 12, 1961 by special agents of the Bureau and he refused to make any comment regarding Maheu and refused to admit that he was acquainted with Dan Rowan. In the course of the interview, Giancana became very abusive and obscene. During this time, Miss Phyllis McGuire, who apparently traveled with Giancana, was also interviewed by special agents of the Bureau, although the results of that interview were not reflected. The special agents' conversation with Giancana was terminated upon the appearance of Miss McGuire. Giancana left accompanied by Miss McGuire.

An FBI report dated July 20, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, reflects that Maheu was interviewed on July 15, 1961 and persisted in his story with respect to the bugging of Rowan's hotel room. Maheu denied that the installation of the device in Rowan's room was made at the request or for the benefit of Sam Giancana or John Roselli.

The same report reflects that Roselli was interviewed on July 7, 1961, and admitted that he had known Maheu for approximately 5 years. When asked if he knew Giancana, Roselli stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions."

On August 2, 1961, United States Attorney Howard W. Babcock, at Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that he is not certain that it could be proven that any information received by Balletti and the unknown subject was ever "disseminated" and also

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he was very concerned about the possibility of information becoming known of Robert Maheu performing work for the CIA.

By letter dated October 13, 1961, Mr. Babcock noted that his successor assumes office on October 16, 1961 and, therefore, felt it appropriate that his successor review the file and investigative reports.

In response to a request from the Criminal Division dated January 31, 1962, the Bureau ascertained from the Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency, Col. Sheffield Edwards, that his Agency would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information and that the introduction of any evidence concerning the CIA operation would be most embarrassing to the United States Government. This Bureau reply was dated February 9, 1962.

In response to an additional request from the Criminal Division dated March 19, 1962, the Bureau replied, by memorandum dated April 10, 1962, that Col. Edwards advised that Maheu's prosecution undoubtedly would lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the abortive Cuban invasion in April 1961 and in view of this, his Agency objects to the prosecution of Maheu.

By memorandum dated April 24, 1962, Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised the Attorney General that it is clear that the national interest will preclude any prosecution resulting from the Nevada wiretap case, adding at the conclusion of the memo that prosecutive action will be declined.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland

The Attorney General

September 3, 1975

Director, FBI

2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
(1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to the letter addressed to Mr. Shaheen from the SSC dated August 25, 1975, which requested staff access to "all memoranda written by Special Agent Sam Papich or Special Agent Mel Kurtz concerning contacts between any CIA personnel and (a) Robert Maheu; (b) Sam Giancana; (c) John Roselli; or (d) Santos Trafficante during the period 1960-1963."

Attached for your approval and forwarding to the SSC is the original of a memorandum which responds to the request contained in the above-mentioned SSC letter.

A copy of the memorandum is also being furnished for your records.

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ENCLOSURE

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
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*CIA Info unclassified per
John E. Dean 8/27/80

NOTE:

We have previously disseminated information to the SSC concerning information developed re CIA involvement with the hoodlum element as it concerns efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro. We first became aware of such CIA involvement in connection with our investigation of an Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications case involving one Arthur James Balletti

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The Attorney General

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in 1961. Prior to that investigation, we had developed information through a source that Sam Giancana was involved in an operation to assassinate Fidel Castro; however, that information did not concern involvement with any Government agency. Information developed in connection with the Balletti case surfaced CIA's involvement with Robert Maheu, Sam Giancana, and John Roselli, the latter two being hoodlums. We promptly disseminated this information to the Attorney General. All pertinent material has been made available to the SSC; however, they continue to seek underlying material on which our dissemination was based. One of the SSC investigators recently interviewed former SA Papich who indicated to the investigator he had dictated a number of memoranda concerning CIA's involvement with hoodlums. Apparently, based on that interview, the SSC has now made this additional request. Extensive file reviews of all individuals mentioned in the SSC request have been made and a number of memoranda dictated by Papich have been found. None of these memoranda shed any additional light on assassination attempts against Castro. They do show, however, continuing contact between representatives of the CIA and John Roselli during the period we were mounting an operation against Roselli. They further show that CIA officials did not consider attempting to interfere with our operations or prosecution of Roselli. Section Chief R. J. McCarthy, Criminal Intelligence and Organized Crime Section, Special Investigative Division, has advised that the Special Investigative Division interposes no objection to making the documents available for review by the SSC.

- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland
- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
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- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

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- 1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

**RE: REQUEST FOR STAFF ACCESS TO
UNDERLYING MATERIALS LOGICALLY
RELATED TO INFORMATION IN FBI
FILES CONCERNING ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPTS AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO
IN WHICH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WAS INVOLVED**

Reference is made to the letter to Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.,
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, Office of the Deputy Attorney
General, U. S. Department of Justice, dated August 25, 1975, from John T.
Elliff, Director, Domestic Intelligence Task Force, of captioned Committee.

Referenced letter requested Committee access to "all memoranda
written by Special Agent Sam Papich or Special Agent Mel Kurtz concerning
contacts between any CIA personnel and (a) Robert Maheu; (b) Sam Giancana;
(c) John Roselli; or (d) Santos Trafficante during the period 1960-1963."

The "Mel Kurtz" mentioned above is identical with former Special
Agent Meffert W. Kuhrtz, who retired from the FBI on November 21, 1962.

For your information, Mr. Kuhrtz served on the Domestic Liaison
staff of the FBI until May 29, 1961, when he was transferred to the Inspection
Division of the FBI. From November 16, 1961, until January 4, 1962, he
was temporarily assigned to the FBI Domestic Liaison staff to handle duties
of former Special Agent Sam Papich, who was on a special assignment.

Extensive file reviews, including our complete holdings on Maheu,
Giancana, Roselli, and Trafficante, as well as our holdings on anti-Castro
activities, have again been made and the only memorandum written by
Mr. Kuhrtz concerning the subject matter of interest is the memorandum

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Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC)

**Re: Request for Staff Access to Underlying Materials Logically
Related to Information in FBI Files Concerning Assassination
Attempts Against Fidel Castro in which the Central Intelligence Agency
Was Involved**

dated May 4, 1961, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported his interview of Colonel Sheffield Edwards, then Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), on May 3, 1961. Staff access to this document was provided to Messrs. Epstein and Postal on August 20, 1975.

With regard to memoranda written by Mr. Papich concerning the subject matter of interest during the period 1960-1963, extensive file review has located the following documents: u

Addendum to a memorandum dated February 2, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported a Papich contact of Colonel Sheffield Edwards on February 7, 1962, at Department of Justice instruction, to determine if CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant. Messrs. Epstein and Postal reviewed this document on August 20, 1975.

Memorandum dated April 5, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported a contact of Colonel Edwards by Papich on April 3, 1962, at the request of the Department of Justice. This memorandum was reviewed by Messrs. Epstein and Postal on August 20, 1975.

Memorandum dated April 13, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported that Colonel Edwards advised Papich that CIA was giving serious consideration to conferring with the Department of Justice concerning possible proposed prosecutive action by the Department against Robert Maheu and the resultant damaging embarrassment such action could cause the U. S. Government. Mr. Edwards indicated it was his understanding that if such contact was made it would be with the Attorney General or Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division of the Department.

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC)

**Re: Request for Staff Access to Underlying Materials Logically
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Was Involved**

Memorandum dated June 21, 1963, which reported a Papich interview of William Harvey, a CIA employee, charged with closing out the relationship between CIA and John Roselli. According to Harvey he had met with Roselli on June 20, 1963, for that purpose.

The pertinent portions of this interview were reported in our dissemination to the Attorney General, dated March 6, 1967, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intentions to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro."

A copy of the above-mentioned communication has been provided to your Committee. U

Extensive file review has located a number of documents which, while not in the time frame of your request, do have a bearing on the subject of interest. These memoranda were prepared by Mr. Papich between the years 1966-1968 and for the most part concern contacts between John Roselli and William Harvey. Harvey was charged with winding up the relationship between Roselli and CIA. One memorandum, dated June 3, 1966, concerns advice from CIA that that Agency had terminated its working arrangement with Robert Maheu.

The above-mentioned documents are available for review in Room 4171, J. Edgar Hoover Building, by appropriate personnel of the Committee staff. ~

1 - The Attorney General

5-140 (Rev. 1-21-74) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Addressee: Senate Select Committee

☐ LTR ☒ LHM ☐ Memo ☐ Report dated 9/3/75

Caption of Document: Req for Staff access to underlying materials logically related to info in FBI files concerning assassination attempts against Castro in which CIA was involved.

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SSC letter 8/25/75

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8. SUMMARY (see reverse side before completing this item)

Made available to appropriate personnel of the SSC Staff for review at FBIHQ, memorandum prepared by Sam Papich between years 1966-68 and for the most part concerns contacts between John Roselli and William Harvey. Harvey was charged with winding up the relationship between Roselli and CIA. One memorandum 6/3/66 concerning advice from CIA that that Agency had terminated its working arrangement with Robert Mahou.

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1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland

September 16, 1975

The Attorney General

Director, FBI
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U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
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1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from Senator John Tower, Vice Chairman, SSC, which enclosed two letters from John T. Elliff, Director, Domestic Intelligence Task Force, SSC, both dated September 11, 1975. One of these letters contained 26 requests, the second 8 requests, all of which requests relate to SSC interest in CIA involvement with the hoodlum element in connection with plans to assassinate Fidel Castro.

With regard to Item 6 in the letter containing eight requests, we believe that the document requested is in the Department's Giancana correspondence file, as we have no such file designated as such, nor could we locate such a document in our files. Further, we feel the Phil White referred to in the request was connected with the Department.

Enclosed is a memorandum for your approval and forwarding to the Committee in response to the above-mentioned letters of September 11, 1975.

Also enclosed for your records is a copy of the memorandum prepared for the Committee.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for
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The Attorney General

NOTE:

The SSC requests were directed to the Attorney General by letter from Senator Tower, Vice Chairman, SSC, who asked that the furnishing of the material requested be afforded the highest priority. In forwarding the request, the Department has requested that the material be made available by 9/16/75. The requests, copies of which are attached, deal mainly with communications concerning John Rosselli and Sam Giancana, top hoodlums who were utilized by CIA through a cutout in efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro. The FBI has promptly disseminated any and all information received concerning this subject at the time of its occurrence specifically to then Attorney General Robert Kennedy and the Committee has been so advised. It appears that the majority members of the Committee are attempting to prove that the Kennedys were unaware of the CIA assassination plot while the minority members are attempting to prove otherwise. As the majority of the information being requested by the Committee concerns the hoodlum element, the documents being furnished have been reviewed by representatives of the Special Investigative Division and they interpose no objection to the transmission of these documents to the Committee.

- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
- 1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland
- 2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz
- (1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)
- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

September 16, 1975

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**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

Reference is made to the two letters, both dated September 11, 1975, to Michael E. Shaheen, Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination.

The letter containing 26 requests will hereinafter be referred to as request #1. The second letter containing 8 requests will be referred to as request #2.

The materials requested in the above-mentioned letters have been processed and will be delivered to the Committee on September 16, 1975, with this communication.

It is noted that Item 6, request #1, and Item 5, request #2, are identical requests.

With regard to Item 5 of request #1 which refers to an "FBI Report of November 11, 1962 re: Crime Conditions in Los Angeles," we can find no such report; however, we have located such a report dated November 15, 1962. Please advise if that is the report of interest to you.

With regard to Item 10 of request #1 identified as an FBI memorandum of February 6, 1962, from Rosen to Belmont, your letter states that Mr. Postal of your staff had previously reviewed this memorandum. The memorandum which Mr. Postal reviewed was dated February 2, 1962. A copy of this memorandum is being furnished.

With regard to Item 12 of request #1 identified as an FBI report of October 10, 1961, contained in Bureau file 92-3267, we can locate no such report in that file; however, we did locate a report in that file dated October 16, 1961, a copy of which is being furnished.

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U. S. Senate Select Committee On Intelligence Activities (SSC)

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05 With regard to Item 24 of request #1, our indices contain no references to a [redacted] One reference concerning a [redacted] and one reference to a [redacted] were located. A Xerox copy of each of these indices cards is being furnished. \

b7C With regard to Item 25 of request #1 which requested advice as to whether there is any information contained in the John Rosselli electronic surveillance logs concerning 18 individuals or situations, a check of our electronic surveillance indices revealed references to three of the individuals; namely, Sam Giancana, [redacted] and Robert Maheu, as having been overheard through electronic surveillance coverage on John Rosselli. Without further advice as to the identity of "any White House person" or "any DOJ person" no logical search of electronic surveillance indices can be made. \

With regard to Item 26 of request #1 in which you requested to be advised if six individuals had been the subject of electronic surveillance, our files reveal that two of the six named were the subjects of such coverage; namely, Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante. \

In view of the fact that some of the information contained in the material being furnished originates from sensitive FBI sources in the criminal field and because of privacy considerations of individuals referred to in this material, it is requested that access be restricted to those persons having an absolute need to know. \

1 - The Attorney General

SEP 12 1975

TO: Richard L. Thornburgh
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

John A. Mintz, Assistant Director
Legal Counsel Division
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.
Special Counsel for Intelligence
Coordination

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Requests

Attached for your attention and priority response are two letters from the Senate Select Committee.

One letter makes 26 numbered requests. Requests numbered 11, 19 thru 23, invite Criminal Division response. All other requests seek Bureau response. (I have also attached a letter from Senator Tower to the Attorney General in which he asks that the Attorney General assign these requests the highest priority.)

The second letter contains 8 numbered requests, all of which are addressed to the Bureau. (You will note they involve the same area of inquiry as those for which Senator Tower requests priority treatment.)

Please arrange for the prompt preparation of responses.

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Addressee: Senate Select Committee

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Caption of Document: Re two letters both dated 9/11/75.
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nection with plans assassinate Castro.

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Information furnished relates to communications concerning
John Roselli and Sam Giancana, top hoodlums utilized by
CIA in efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro.

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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 11, 1975

SENSITIVE

Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

You are doubtless aware of the fact that this Committee is completing its work on an interim report on the assassination question. Evidence relating to critical aspects to the report have recently come to the attention of our staff. It appears that certain documentary and other evidence in the possession of your Department has direct and material bearing upon our ability to fully explore these new matters.

In consultation with the Chairman, it has been determined that these matters should be assigned the highest priority. Accordingly, it is requested that you provide such assistance as may be appropriate to facilitate production of the materials called for by the attached document request which has been transmitted to Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., your Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination. It is anticipated that witnesses having information relative to these new matters under investigation will be interviewed as early as Tuesday of the coming week.

While it is with the greatest reluctance that the Committee must request this further burdening of your resources, it is hoped that the specificity of this request will expedite compliance.

Your continuing cooperation in support of our mandate is greatly appreciated.



Sincerely,

John Tower
John Tower
Vice Chairman

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SENSITIVE

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esquire
Special Counsel for Intelligence
Coordination
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

The following list of documents and materials contained in the FBI and Justice Department files are hereby requested by the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations with respect to intelligence activities:

- ① Memorandum of February 27, 1962 from Director, FBI to Attorney General re: John Rosselli.
- ② FBI Report of January 3, 1962 contained in Bureau file #92-3171.
- ③ Memorandum of January 12, 1962 from Director, FBI to Attorney General re: Nevada Gambling Industry.
- ④ FBI Report of October 17, 1962 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.
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5. FBI Report of November 11, 1962 re: Crime Conditions in Los Angeles contained in field file #94-250 Los Angeles.
- ⑥ Memorandum of July 9, 1963 from Director, FBI to Attorney General re: Samuel Giancana.
- ⑦ FBI Report of July 15, 1963 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.



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- (8) FBI Report of August 5, 1963 contained in Bureau file #92-3171.

Items 9 and 10 are contained in documents previously made available for inspection by A. Postal.

- (9) FBI Memorandum of April 5, 1968 from Brennan to Sullivan.

- (10) FBI Memorandum of February 6, 1962 from Rosen to Belmont.

- Post* (11) Letter from Department of Army, Security Division, received April 3, 1962, and contained in the Samuel Giancana correspondence file, in Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division.

- (12) FBI Report of October 10, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- (13) FBI Report of November 22, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- (14) FBI Report of August 4, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- (15) Memorandum of March 7, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.

- (16) Memorandum of May 18, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General.

- (17) Letter to Attorney General from Director, FBI of December 11, 1961, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

- (18) Letter from Director, FBI to Attorney General of November 24, 1961, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

- (19) FBI Report of January 28, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- (20) FBI Report of July 18, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- Dept* (21) Memorandum re: AUSA in Las Vegas of August 16, 1961, and contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- (22) Note of October 6, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

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23. Access to Criminal Division file #71-4-16-27 re: anti-Castro activities.

24. Xerox copies of name index cards, and subject of each file identified on:

25. The Committee wishes to be advised whether there is any information contained in the John Rosselli electronic surveillance logs concerning:

- a. Castro
- b. CIA
- c. Judy Campbell
- d. Robert Maheu
- e. [REDACTED]
- f. Balletti Wiretap Case
- g. [REDACTED]
- h. Bill Harvey
- i. Sheffield Edwards
- j. Samuel Giancana
- k. Santos Trafficante
- l. [REDACTED]
- m. [REDACTED]
- n. [REDACTED]
- o. [REDACTED]
- p. Balletti
- q. any White House person
- r. any DOJ person

26. The Committee wishes to be advised whether there was any electronic surveillance on Judy Campbell, [REDACTED] Samuel Giancana, Robert Maheu, [REDACTED] or Santos Trafficante.

Sincerely,

John T. Elliff

John T. Elliff
Director
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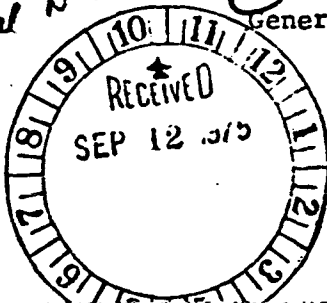
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Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

The following list of documents and materials contained in the FBI and Justice Department files are hereby requested by the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities:

- ① FBI Memorandum of November 1, 1967 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ② FBI Memorandum of May 8, 1967 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ③ FBI Memorandum of June 21, 1963 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ④ FBI Report of March 10, 1962 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.
- ⑤ Letter of July 9, 1963 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, contained in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.
6. Letter from Robert Plummer to Phil White of February 6, 1962, contained in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.
- ⑦ Memorandum of July 14, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, re: Giancana or Rosselli.



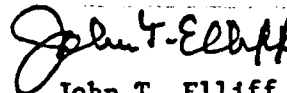
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⑧ Memorandum of July 26, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

Sincerely,



John T. Elliff

Director

Domestic Intelligence Task Force

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO

FILE NUMBER: 62-80750 CROSS-REFERENCES

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Branigan

1 - Mr. R. W. Smith

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1 - Mr. Papich

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)
ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES

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Maheu is a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty in 1940 and resigned in 1947. For several years he has been operating a private investigative agency which has included the handling of public relations business. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Maheu since 1953.

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[REDACTED] In 1961, he was a possible subject of a case involving a telephone wire tap but he claimed that he had ordered this technical coverage in behalf of CIA efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba. We did verify that CIA had utilized Maheu as an intermediary in their operations directed against Castro. In April, 1962, CIA objected to prosecution of Maheu, taking the position that such action might lead to the exposure of sensitive information relating to the abortive Cuban invasion of April, 1961, and would result in damaging embarrassment to the U.S. Government. The Director made the notation at this time "this is an outrage. H."

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Wick
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March 6, 1967

Director, FBI

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Mr. Papich
Mr. Wannall
Inspector

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO**

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Wannall to Adams
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Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis.

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961.

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The Attorney General

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. *(u)*

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Maheu, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balletti. *(u)*

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Maheu had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Maheu. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Maheu and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Maheu for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Maheu's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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The Attorney General

established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. ~~XS~~(u)

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Sought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Wick

DATE: March 6, 1967

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Papich
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - Inspector

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
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In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows:

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio.

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Maheu any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General.

On 5/9/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan
Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with John Roselli (Maheu's link with Giancana) had continued up until that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction. ~~XS~~(u)

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General. U

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The Attorney General asked for this information on Friday, 3/3/67.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J.H. Gale
1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop

DATE: 1/18/71

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall
1 - Mr. Nasca

SUBJECT: ~~CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S INVOLVEMENT IN ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO~~

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Memorandum concerns Jack Anderson's column in 1/18/71 "Washington Post," which indicates Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) made six attempts to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro.

Anderson claims CIA's first attempt began as part of Bay of Pigs operation (1961); after it failed sent five more assassination teams to Cuba; and among those privy to CIA conspiracy is suspicion, unsupported by Warren Commission's findings, that Castro became aware of assassination plot and somehow recruited Lee Harvey Oswald to retaliate against President Kennedy. With regard to first attempt, Anderson stated CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, former FBI Agent, who recruited gambler John Roselli to arrange assassination.

CIA's involvement in Castro assassination plan first came to our attention in 1961. At that time, we conducted investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or use of Communications Statute by Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Our investigation determined this involved Maheu who stated coverage was instituted in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli another hoodlum.

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On 5/3/61, CIA advised it was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. On 5/22/61, we furnished facts to then Attorney General Kennedy. On 5/9/62, Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice. On 3/6/67, all information in our files concerning this matter was furnished to Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

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Memorandum W. R. Wannall to Mr. C. D. Brennan
Re: Central Intelligence Agency's Involvement in
Attempts to Assassinate Castro

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In February, 1967, Secret Service advised columnist Drew Pearson contacted former Chief Justice Warren concerning information in possession of Attorney Edward P. Morgan, former Bureau Inspector. Morgan alleged former Attorney General Kennedy organized group to kill Castro. Subsequently, after Castro learned of plot, he decided to utilize same procedure to kill President Kennedy and hired Oswald to do the job. On 3/17/67, White House requested Bureau interview Morgan concerning assassination of President Kennedy. U

Morgan was interviewed on 3/20/67. Due to attorney-client relationship, Morgan would not identify persons who furnished information concerning assassination. Morgan alleged his clients were used by a Government Agency (obviously CIA) to plot assassination of Castro and that Castro learned of plot and thereafter dispatched teams of assassins to U. S. to assassinate President Kennedy. He stated that the information attributed to Drew Pearson probably arose as a result of comments Morgan made suggesting that Lee Harvey Oswald "was not the only person involved" in the assassination of President Kennedy. Morgan furnished no information to the effect Castro hired Oswald to assassinate Kennedy and we developed no such information during our extensive investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Results of our interview with Morgan together with the information we previously had concerning CIA's involvement in plot to assassinate Castro, was furnished White House, Attorney General, and Secret Service on 3/22/67.

We have no information concerning the other five CIA alleged assassination plots against Castro.

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6 Attempts to Kill Castro Laid to CIA

By Jack Anderson

Locked in the darkest recesses of the Central Intelligence Agency is the story of six assassination attempts against Cuba's Fidel Castro.

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After the first attempt failed, five more assassination teams were sent to Cuba. The last team reportedly made it to a rooftop within shooting distance of Castro before they were apprehended. This happened around the last of February or first of March, 1963.

Nine months later, President Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald, a fanatic who previously had agitated for Castro in New Orleans and had made a mysterious trip to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

Among those privy to the CIA conspiracy, there is still a nagging suspicion—unsupported by the Warren Commission's findings—that Castro became aware of the U.S. plot upon his life and somehow recruited Oswald to retal-

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To set up the Castro assassination, the CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent with shadowy contacts, who had handled other undercover assignments for the CIA out of his Washington public relations office. He later moved to Las Vegas to head up billionaire Howard Hughes' Nevada operations.

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Castro Plot Raises Ugly Questions

By Jack Anderson

The plot to kill Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, hidden for 10 years from the public, raises some ugly questions that high officials would rather keep buried deep inside the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. Has the CIA tried to assassinate any other leaders? John McCone, who headed the CIA during the six attempts to knock off Castro, denied emphatically that the CIA has tried to kill anyone. But ex-Sen. George Smathers, one of John F. Kennedy's closest friends, told us the late President suspected that the CIA had arranged the shootings of the Dominican Republic's Rafael Trujillo in 1961 and South Vietnam's Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963.

2. Did President Kennedy personally sanction the plot against Castro? The preparations to assassinate the Cuban dictator began during the last months of the Eisenhower administration as part of the Bay of Pigs scheme. All six attempts, however, were made during 1961-63 when Mr. Kennedy occupied the White House. Smathers told us he once spoke to the late President about assassinating Castro. Mr. Kennedy merely rolled back his eyes, recalled Smathers, as if to indicate the idea was too wild to discuss. Subsequently, Mr. Kennedy told Smathers of his suspicion that the CIA may have been

behind the Trujillo and Diem assassinations.

3. Did the late Robert Kennedy know about the assassination attempts? After the Bay of Pigs fiasco, President Kennedy swore to friends he would like "to splinter the CIA in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds." He put his brother, Robert, in charge of the CIA with instructions to shake it up. The CIA made five attempts on Castro's life after the Bay of Pigs while Robert Kennedy was riding herd on the agency.

4. Could the plot against Castro have backfired against President Kennedy? The late President was murdered nine months after the last assassination team was caught on a Havana rooftop with high-powered rifles. Presumably, they were subjected to fiendish tortures until they told all they knew. None of the assassination teams, however, had direct knowledge of the CIA involvement. The CIA instigators had represented themselves as oilmen seeking revenge against Castro for his seizure of oil holdings.

PLOT BACKFIRE?

Former associates recall that Robert Kennedy, deeply despondent, went into semi-seclusion after his brother's assassination. Could he have been tormented by more than natural grief? He certainly learned that the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, had been active in the pro-Castro move-

ment and had traveled to Mexico to visit the Cuban Embassy a few weeks before the dreadful day in Dallas. Could Bob Kennedy have been plagued by the terrible thought that the CIA plot, which he must at least have condoned, put into motion forces that may have brought about his brother's martyr-

The last surviving brother, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), could give us no insight. His brothers had never spoken to him about any assassination attempts against Castro, he said. He was aware, he volunteered, only that Sen. Smathers had talked to the late President about eliminating Castro.

Smathers told us that President Kennedy seemed "horrified" at the idea of political assassinations. "I remember him saying," recalled Smathers, "that the CIA frequently did things he didn't know about, and he was unhappy about it. He complained that the CIA was almost autonomous."

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"He told me he believed the CIA had arranged to have Diem and Trujillo bumped off. He was pretty well shocked about that. He thought it was a stupid thing to do, and he wanted to get control of what the CIA was doing."

But McCone, disagreeing vigorously, told us that "no plot was authorized or implemented" to assassinate Castro, Trujillo, Diem or anyone else.

"During those days of tension, there was a wide spectrum of plans ranging from one extreme to another," McCone admitted. "Whenever this subject (assassinating Castro) was brought up—and it was — it was rejected immediately on two grounds. First, it would not be condoned by anybody. Second, it wouldn't have achieved anything."

There was also talk in high places, McCone acknowledged, of supporting a coup to oust Diem. The former CIA director said he had argued against this at a secret session with both Kennedy brothers. He had contended that there was no one strong enough to take Diem's place and that a coup, therefore, would bring "political upheaval."

"I told the President and Bobby together," recalled McCone, "that if I were running a baseball team and had only one pitcher, I wouldn't take him out of the game."

The November, 1963, coup caught the United States completely by surprise, he said. While the plotters were moving on the palace, he said, then-Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge was visiting Diem. Adm. Ulysses Sharp, then our Pacific commander, had also been present, but had left early to go to the airport.

McCone said President Diem escaped through a tunnel but was caught in nearby Cholon and "shot in a station wagon."

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X CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

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Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis. (u)

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Faylis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum. U

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli. 62-80750-4523

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. (u)

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Maheu, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balletti. (u)

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Maheu had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Maheu. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Maheu and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Maheu for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Maheu's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. *XS(w)*

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Sought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power. *u*

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

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On May 3, 1961, Colonel Sheffield Edwards,
Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
furnished the following information.

Colonel Edwards advised that in connection with
CIA's operation against Castro he personally contacted Robert
Mahou during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Mahou
as a "cut-out" in contacts with Sam Giancana, a known hoodlum
in the Chicago area. Colonel Edwards said that since the
underworld controlled gambling activities in Cuba under the
Batista government, it was assumed that this element would
still continue to have sources and contacts in Cuba which
perhaps could be utilized successfully in connection with
CIA's clandestine efforts against the Castro government.
As a result, Mahou's services were solicited as a "cut-out"
because of his possible entree into underworld circles.
Mahou obtained Sam Giancana's assistance in this regard and
according to Edwards, Giancana gave every indication of
cooperating through Mahou in attempting to accomplish several
clandestine efforts in Cuba. Edwards added that none of
Giancana's efforts have materialized to date and that several
of the plans still are working and may eventually "pay off."

Colonel Edwards related that he had no direct
contact with Giancana; that Giancana's activities were
completely "back stopped" by Mahou and that Mahou would
frequently report Giancana's action and information to
Edwards. No details or methods used by Mahou or Giancana
in accomplishing their missions were ever reported to
Edwards. Colonel Edwards said that since this is "dirty
business" he could not afford to have knowledge of the actions
of Mahou and Giancana in pursuit of any mission for CIA.
Colonel Edwards added that he has neither given Mahou any
instruction to use technical installations of any type nor has
the subject of technical installations ever come up between
Edwards and Mahou in connection with Giancana's activity.

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Colonel Edwards related that Mahen did come to him concerning the arrest in Las Vegas of Balletti for "wire tapping." Mahen cautioned Edwards that the Balletti arrest could cause CIA some embarrassment since Balletti was in Las Vegas attempting to obtain coverage on some "Hollywood people" in connection with Giancana's efforts for CIA. Edwards said that he did not know the facts of the Balletti case and Mahen claims "Balletti went too far" in his efforts to obtain information. Edwards added that he was unaware of any reason for this activity of Mahen or Giancana in Las Vegas and that Giancana's activity in furtherance of the anti-Castro activity was left completely in Mahen's hands.

Colonel Edwards advised that only Mr. Bissell (Deputy Director of Plans, CIA) and two others in CIA were aware of the Giancana - Mahen activity in behalf of CIA's program and that Allen Dulles was completely unaware of Edwards' contact with Mahen in this connection. He added that Mr. Bissell, during his recent briefings of General Taylor and the Attorney General in connection with their inquiries into CIA relating to the Cuban situation, told the Attorney General that some of CIA's associated planning included the use of Giancana and the underworld against Castro.

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